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DIE IN WIDE STORM

FULLY 100 VICTIMS IN PATH OF WIND SWEEPING FROM TEXAS TO WESTERN NEW YORK.

A 1,200 MILE ICY TORNADO

Blast Causes Death of Eighty in Dozen States—Forty-five Killed in Alabama, 12 in Mississippi—Railroads, Telegraph and Telephone Paralyzed.

Washington, March 22.—A storm of cyclonic fury, which started in Northern Texas just as Spring was being ushered in, swept east and northward, causing the deaths of fully a hundred persons, injuring hundreds of others, and damaging property to the extent of millions of dollars.

Extending through parts of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee, the storm crossed the Ohio River and passed through Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Western New York.

Definite advices have been received accounting for at least sixty-nine persons dead.

Reports from Alabama show the loss of life was heaviest in that State. The number of dead there is definitely placed at forty-five. The town was wiped out. Two are dead in Indiana, three in Tennessee, two in Ohio, two in New York, one in Michigan, one in Louisiana, and one in Texas.

Accompanying the death lists are estimates of injured totalling more than 200.

The property loss was heavy all along the storm's track. Besides demolishing or unroofing buildings and felling trees the high winds, rain hail and sleet did serious damage to early crops. Estimates of loss by damage to property of all sorts from Indiana and Michigan alone total $2,000,000.

Not in many years has there been such prostration of telegraph and telephone service. Chicago was cut off for hours from communication with points east. Only by devious routes was connection finally slowly delayed. Railroad traffic was [illegible] districts where wire communication was crippled and washouts occurred.

The wind attained record velocities at some points. Detroit reported 88 miles an hour, the Weather Bureau's high record in that city.

In Tennessee probably twelve were killed, two in Indiana, three in Ohio, two in New York, one in Missouri, one in Michigan, two in Louisiana, while at least three were lost when their fishing smacks were overturned in Lake Erie.

A telegraph wire blockade, the like of which the country has not known in years, also resulted. All telegraphic communication between New York city and Chicago was absolutely nil. Every one of the 200 trunk wires between the two cities were "lost."

The storm visited Chicago in blizzard form and the streets are covered with ice, half a dozen persons being seriously hurt. Street traffic was practically suspended.

Western Pennsylvania suffered heavily from the windstorm. At East Pittsburgh a house was wrecked and three persons were seriously hurt. In Mt. Pleasant, Pa., windows were blown in and the steeple of a church toppled over. At Latrobe a horse and wagon were picked up by the gale and blown across the street.

Eastern and Central West Virginia were storm-swept, with heavy property loss.

The Middle West felt the grip of a blizzard, one of the severest of the entire winter. The cold wave enveloped nearly all the States between the Rocky and Alleghany Mountains and the great lakes and the Gulf of Mexico.

The freezing weather extends as far south as the Gulf of Mexico.

Many persons were injured in northern Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and southeastern Missouri. In Mississippi the storm was severe from Grenada to Water Valley.

Two persons were killed and several injured in Centralians, Ind.

The wind reached a velocity of 75 miles an hour.

At Salem, La., where five persons were killed and thirty injured, sixty buildings were demolished.

At Lisle, Ark., the Frisco railroad station was wrecked, the Van Noyze eating house destroyed and a refrigerator car was blown on to the station platform.

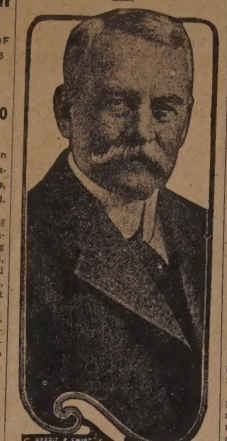
Louis Erb, owner of a 1,000-acre apple and peach ranch at Cedar Gap, Mo., said that fruit was not hurt in the great Ozard Mountain apple region. The storm in eastern Tennessee and southwest Virginia unroofed buildings and killed live stock.

The Methodist Church at Harmony was wrecked and three churches at Franklin were damaged.

Lightning struck the county jail at Covington, Ky., hurling the 15-foot chimney to the ground and throwing the sixty prisoners all negroes, from their iron cots. The prisoners were panic-stricken.

When a heavy storm broke over Utica, N. Y., a veritable tornado swept down on the State Hospital grounds and buildings. The wind tore through the lawns and grounds in a space about 20 feet wide and felled more than a dozen of the huge elm trees. The fifteen hundred patients in the hospital were plunged into panic by the cyclone, but order was soon restored.

EDWIN F. SWEET



Edwin F. Sweet, of Grand Rapids, Mich., member of the last Congress, has been appointed Assistant Secretary of Commerce, with a salary of $5,000 a year.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES

PATERSON, N. J.—The school children of this city have enlisted in the campaign to make Paterson a "city beautiful," and already 2,000 have been furnished with packets of seed, which they will use in the work. Vacant lots, back yards and other stretches of ground will be utilized.

HARRISBURG, [illegible] Governor [illegible] cation in newspapers, periodicals, circulars, letters or other publications of false or misleading statements regarding merchandise, securities or services.

CHARLESTON, W. Va. — Fifteen prisoners confined by the military in the coal strike district, of Kanawha county, now under martial law, were released by Governor Hatfield. The Governor the day previous ordered the release of ten prisoners. Lack of evidence is given as the cause.

AUSTIN, Texas.—The House killed the proposed amendment to the Constitution. The vote was 84 for and 36 against. To prevail the resolution should have received 95 votes.

NEW YORK.—A vigorous non-partisan fusion movement for the purpose of putting an anti-Tammany municipal ticket in the field this Fall was launched by some 200 citizens of the city, many of them prominent Republicans, Democrats and Progressives.

CHICAGO.—One person in every seven in Chicago came to the attention of some social service agency in 1912, according to the annual report of the United Charities. Nearly 74,000 families required the assistance of the society in one form or another, making a total of 295,120 individuals.

CONGRESSMAN IS MAROONED

Martin of South Dakota Is Blockaded on Ranch and Great Drifts Prevent Delivery of Supplies.

Oelrichs, S. D. March 21.—Congressman E. W. Martin of South Dakota is marooned by snow on a ranch about 20 miles east of Oelrichs and provisions are running low. Seventeen people are at the ranch. They have been blockaded for six days.

Information telephoned to a rancher nearer town, who could get out, was that the party was subsisting on doughnuts and coffee. Martin went to the ranch a week ago. When the blizzard came an attempt was made to reach the railroad in an automobile before the snow got too deep. The machine travelled a quarter of a mile and was stalled. The party tramped back to the ranch house. Help will be sent to the ranch as soon as men can get through the great drifts.

STRIKING FEATURES IN NEW YORK SUBWAY CONTRACTS.

Following are the important features of the Subway contracts just signed:

Total cost of the entire system	$330,792,628
City's share	163,857,628
To be spent on Interborough system	160,595,637
To be spent on Brooklyn Rapid Transit system	170,196,991
Interborough Company:	
City Funds	63,335,637
Company, for construction	56,260,000
Company, for equipment	21,000,000
Company, for third-tracking "L" lines	20,000,000

MILES OF TRACK.

For operation in Manhattan and the Bronx by the Interborough	358.7
For operation in Brooklyn by B. R. T. Company	271
Grand total—dual system	629.7

NO CHINESE LOAN

WILSON ADMINISTRATION DECLINES TO REQUEST AMERICAN BANKERS TO SUBSCRIBE.

STOPS DOLLAR DIPLOMACY

Americans Now Will Withdraw from Deal—Administration Does "Not Approve Conditions of Loan or Implications of Responsibility Involved."

Washington, March 20.—President Wilson officially announced that the United States government, under his administration, would no longer be a party to the "Six Power Group," which has been endeavoring to arrange a heavy loan to the Chinese republic in behalf of banking interests of the countries concerned. Incidentally the President, in the statement prepared by him and given out at the White House, repudiates the "dollar diplomacy" of Philander C. Knox, Secretary of State under Taft.

The President indorses the general policy of "no entangling foreign alliances," even in respect to arrangements for supervising the financial compacts of weaker governments, and specifically asserts that the responsibility of the United States implied in the encouragement of a loan to be secured and administered under the conditions imposed by the Six Power Group is plain enough, and is obnoxious to the principles upon which this government rests."

These are the matters covered by the President's statement:

A declaration of the government's purpose to withdraw from co-operation with five other great Powers in seeking to have China consent to specific conditions for the disbursement and repayment of a loan of $125,000,000, to be advanced by bankers who are subjects or citizens of these Powers.

An expression of disapproval of conditions on which the loan sought and [illegible] ... ference in the political affairs of China.

A declaration that this suggested responsibility is obnoxious to fundamental American principles.

An expression of willingness to help develop Chinese resources.

A declaration of intention to urge legislation that will enable American bankers and business men to overcome present restrictions, mainly on account of laws affecting national banks, which hamper them in competing for Chinese trade with bankers and business men of other governments.

$100,000 IN PLEDGES MISSING

Police Guard of Sixteen has Day's Work in Riot at Looted Simons' Pawnshop in New York.

New York, March 22.—When Martin Simons and his harassed sons closed the doors of the Hester street pawnshop from which burglars removed $250,000 of diamonds and other pledges last Sunday, 16 weary policemen were willing to call it a day's work.

The Simons' had announced in the Yiddish newspapers that they were ready to return pledged jewelry that the yeggmen hadn't fancied, and at sunrise Hester street was choked with men, women and children, who cried aloud the tale of their imperilled riches.

The coming of the police smoothed the disorder but did not allay the fears of the crowd. When the doors were closed for the day about $6,000 of pledges had been redeemed, but at least $100,000 called for had been taken by the burglars.

The Simons were not sure just what they would do about the lost valuables. The East Side seemed pretty well convinced that it was up to the police.

EXCHANGE SEAT FOR $41,000

Lowest Price Since 1900 and New York Brokers Are Cutting Expenses or Dissolving.

New York, March 20.—A seat on the Stock Exchange has been sold for $41,000, which is the lowest price yet in the present declining movement. The last previous sale was at $45,000. This is the lowest since 1900, when a seat was sold for $30,000.

It is understood that several more seats are in the market. Brokerage houses are busily cutting down expenses and shutting up branch offices. Almost an entire absence of business from the public is making the market excessively dull and retrenchment is the word.

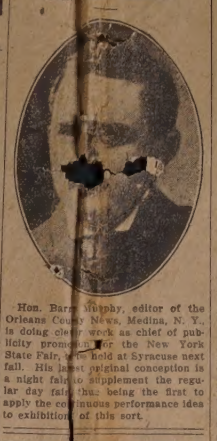
CORNELL STUDENT DROWNED

Cold Affects W. S. Richards in Lake Cayuga After Canoe Upsets During a Stiff Breeze.

Ithaca, N. Y., March 21.—Walter S. Richards, a Cornell University student, of Cortland, Ohio, was drowned at the head of Lake Cayuga.

Richards and George P. Foye, of Marion, Ohio, a senior, went canoeing. They landed at the lighthouse pier and Foye got out. Richards pushed off and sought to turn the canoe, but a stiff breeze was blowing and the craft overturned.

HON. BARRY MURPHY



Hon. Barry Murphy, editor of the Orleans County News, Medina, N. Y., is doing clever work as chief of publicity promoter for the New York State Fair, to be held at Syracuse next fall. His latest original conception is a night fair to supplement the regular day fair, being the first to apply the continuous performance idea to exhibitions of this sort.

FLASHES FROM THE CABLE

LONDON.—Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, the younger daughter of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, who was sentenced to two months in Holloway Jail for smashing windows in the West End, was released because of the condition of her health, suffering from forcible feeding. She had served about five weeks of her sentence.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The banking and financial institutions of St. Petersburg and Moscow presented to the Czar $500,000 on the occasion of the tercentenary [illegible] Romanoff dynasty. The Emperor announced that he will devote [illegible] ... from the [illegible] ... trouble is [illegible] ... public." It [illegible] ... start in the [illegible] ... POKE[illegible]ement.

SHANGHAI.—[illegible] Sung, former Minister of [illegible] ... was shot and severely wounded at the railway station here as he was about to entrain for Peking. The assassin was arrested. General Sung's companion, General Huang Hsiang, took refuge in the waiting room.

LONDON.—The Kendal election resulted in a triumph for the policy of national service and no food taxes advocated by the unofficial Unionist candidate, Colonel Weston, whose majority was 581, or nearly twice the Unionist majority at the last election.

HAVANA.—The Senate voted down the bill providing amnesty for political prisoners. The Jai Alai and Horse Racing bill, which was vetoed recently by President Gomez, again was passed by the House.

BETWEEN 2 EXPRESS TRAINS

Scott, Face to One, Back to Other, Goes Through Ordeal Unhurt; His Companion Was Killed.

Hartford, Conn., March 22.—By standing sideways and holding himself perfectly erect between two express trains that whirled by him in opposite directions, William Scott of Westminster, British Columbia, a tobacco dealer, escaped unhurt at the Avon street grade crossing in this city.

His companion, Thomas H. Ryan of Binghamton, N. Y., tried to dart across the tracks. One of the trains caught and mangled him and threw his body 200 yards down the track.

HATPINS PROTRUDE? ARREST

New Orleans Police Told to Enforce Law Against Uncovered Pin Points —Penalty Fine and Imprisonment.

New Orleans, March 21.—The police have received special instruction to arrest any woman violating the hatpin ordinance of the city recently passed.

The ordinance provides that no hatpins shall protrude beyond the hat unless the point is covered. The penalty is a fine of $1 to $10, or imprisonment from 6 hours to 5 days.

NEW KING GIVES PLEDGE TO ARMY.

ATHENS, GREECE.—From the fortress of Janina, which he recently captured from the Turks, King Constantine addressed his first message to the Greek army in the following words:

"The impious outrage on the sacred person of King George deprives us all of our leader at a moment very critical for the whole Hellenic nation. I am now called by Providence to succeed my never-to-be-forgotten father on the throne on which he for so long shed lustre and honor.

"In being this news to the knowledge of my army, to which I have devoted my whole life, and with which unsuccessful and successful wars have indissolubly bound me, I declare to it that, marching always at its head, I will never cease to concentrate my whole solicitude to my land and sea forces, whose glorious exploits have brought greatness and renown to our fatherland."

NEW HAMPSHIRE LEGISLATURE

Municipal Suffrage is Denied to Women.

UNIFORM POLL TAX OF $2

Two Vetoes from the Governor—$10,000 for the Gettysburg Celebration—Few of Important Measures Passed.

With the senatorial matter out of the way the legislature settled down to "business last week, and Tuesday was not only a field day but it brought nearly a full attendance of members. The certain raiser, so to speak, was the special order extending municipal suffrage to women, and brought out a debate which kept the house until two o'clock before adjournment was taken. It came on a motion to substitute the minority report that the bill ought to pass for the majority report of "inexpedient to legislate." Chase of Concord set the ball in motion by an eloquent speech in favor of the women, and he was followed by Bean of Belmont on the same side. Morse of Newmarket, who spoke in favor of a similar measure two years ago, now opposed the bill, saying he had five women in household and none of them favored the measure. When the vote was taken Congressman Stevens called for the yeas and nays, and on the roll call the motion was lost by a vote of 239 to 38, a much larger majority in opposition than at the last session.

Following this in the afternoon was another special order, the uniform poll tax. The bill calls for a poll tax of $1.50, and after an amendment to make it 41.00 had been voted down the bill passed.

There was more oratory in the house Wednesday on a bill to increase the [illegible] ... committee on [illegible] ... out the increase. It was finally decided to make the matter a special order for Tuesday of this week. The Gettysburg appropriation came back from the committee on appropriations with the old figures of $10,000, the committee having receded from its position, and it was passed.

The bill to allow extra stenographers on court cases came back with the governor's first veto of the session. The house sustained the veto almost unanimously, only one member voting against it.

An amendment to the house rules which was proposed by Stevens of Landaff was adopted, providing that committee reports can no longer be finally acted upon the day they are received, but must lie over until a subsequent day. It is designed to prevent legislation at the close of the session.

At the opening of Thursday's session fourteen new bills were reported from committees, of which nine were in the line of recommendations by the governor in his recent message. Another provided for the election of senators by direct vote of the people in anticipation of the adoption of the amendment to the federal constitution. The bill to repeal the license law came from the committee with a majority report of inexpedient and a minority report ought to pass. The bill to repeal the present amendment came in with a reverse order, the majority being inexpedient. Both bills were laid over until Tuesday, and will then be made special orders for some later day. Owing to the new rule in relation to committee reports but little business was ready Thursday, and the house adjourned for the day soon after 12 o'clock.

On Friday another vote was sent to the legislature by the governor. This was the senate bill which provides for lights on vehicles. Some of its provisions are not satisfactory to the executive and it will probably be amended and passed in a new form.

Some of the more important measures passed during the week are these:

No. 10—Authorizing the governor and council in their discretion to provide pecuniary assistance to prisoners and their families and to cause the forfeiture thereof.

No. 289—To provide for the protection of highway grade crossings upon railroads and for other purposes. Read by title only on motion of Ahern of Concord.

No. 581—Relating to the duties and powers of the sealer of weights and measures for the city of Manchester. Read by title only on motion of Perkins of Manchester.

No. 582—Repealing chapter 22, laws of 1903, and in amendment of chapter 150, section 4, public statutes, relating to the issuance of bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness by railroad corporation and public utilities.

No. 11—Authorizing the town of Plymouth to exempt from taxation the residence of the late C. M. Morse with additions and improvements to be made for hotel purposes.

J. R. No. 19—Regarding the preparation and publication of a digest of the supreme court decisions of the state.

J. R. No. 38—Appropriating money for the payment of the balance due the places for the state's legal share of fighting forest and brush fires; $3000.

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To demonstrate their ability at designing gowns excelling the importations from France, American dressmakers have given their best effort and talent to the most beautiful gowns shown in this country. The photograph demonstrates more ably than words the result of their efforts. The gown is a Grecian gown of white chiffon with rhinestone trimmings, with a Grecian key design and rhinestone girdle.

THE KITCHEN CABINET

OLD friends are the blessings of one's later years.
Half a word conveys one's meaning.
They have memory of the same events and have the same mode of thinking.
—Horace Walpole.

SEASONABLE DISHES.

Wash, scrape and parboil a half dozen parsnips. Split a young chicken down the back and lay in a dripping pan, skin side up. Arrange the sliced parsnips around the chicken, sprinkle with salt and pepper, dot with bits of butter, cover with thin slices of salt pork, add enough hot water to prevent burning, and bake until the vegetable and chicken is tender.

Fry slices of thick, meaty tomatoes in olive oil, season with onion juice and salt, with a dash of cayenne. Serve with lamb chops or veal croquettes.

A thick slice of tomato, sprinkled with chopped onion and served with French dressing is a good and pretty salad.

Cocoanut Drop Cakes.—Soften a half cup of butter, but do not melt it, add a cup of light brown sugar, a cup of sour milk, a teaspoonful each of cinnamon and cloves, and soda, two cups of flour; beat all together thoroughly, then add a half cup of shredded cocoanut. Drop by small spoonfuls on buttered sheets and bake in a moderate oven. Add more flour if the cakes do not keep their shape.

English Muffins.—Dissolve an yeast cake in a quart of lukewarm milk, add a teaspoonful of salt and add enough flour to make a good batter; set to rise. When light, stir in a half cup of melted butter, and when well blended and light again, pour into muffin pans and rise. When very light, bake. Serve toasted. Butter generously and serve hot.

Marmalade Pudding—Mix a cup of flour with the same amount of stale crumbs and beef suet chopped fine, one egg, a half teaspoonful of salt, and a cup of marmalade, orange or any other kind; turn into a buttered bowl, tie up in a cloth and steam three hours. Serve with hard sauce.

MANY a [illegible] hungry, starving
For a little word
[illegible]
And [illegible]
[illegible]
Rexford.

ALMS was his bounty and his soul sincere.
Heaven doubled his recompense so largely
He gave to misery (all he had) a tear,
He gained from heaven ('twas all he wished) a friend. —Charles Lamb.

HOUSEHOLD CONVENIENCES.

Many people have large, useful trays, but they are never used except on state occasions, while every day weary steps are taken which might be divided by ten if one used some utensil for removing dishes and food from the table to the pantry. A wire dish tray is convenient and light. If one does not care to use a tray, the dishes may be piled into it and quickly removed.

If one was handy with tools, the handy man could make, with little expense, a wheeled tray which could hold the entire meal, and remove it in another trip.

The small wheels from a go-cart are used on home-made trays.

The use of paper or wooden plates in the kitchen for much of the left-over food are light and easy to handle, and not expensive to replace when soiled.

Paper of all kinds in the kitchen saves the table, saves dish washing, and is an all-round step saver. A roll of paper toweling to use for greasy dishes, wiping knives of grease and acid, wiping out greasy plates, is invaluable. Manila paper may be used for many purposes as work savers. Use it for a molding board or for crumbing croquettes, then the soiled paper can be burned, where a board would have to be washed.

A bottle of kerosene near the sink to wipe it out, will save much scouring.

When cooking a salad dressing or a white sauce, a custard or many vegetables, prepare more than is needed for the time being. It takes but little more fuel and time to practice this economy.

If one has a table covered with zinc in the kitchen it will save much cleaning, and is indeed a joy forever.

Keep small squares of cheese cloth to wipe the meat before cooking. These may then be dried and burned. These small bits are nice for use in straining soups, fats or vinegar.

WAYS OF SERVING THE OYSTER.

Before the oyster is out of market, let us try a few new ways of serving it:

Oysters a la Georgiana.—Scald a cup of cream to the boiling point, add a third of a cup of bread crumbs, a dash of paprika, a pinch of salt, a grating of nutmeg, a tablespoonful of butter and a cup of chopped oysters. Cook until the oysters are well cooked through.

Oysters a la Lenox Ranch.—Drain a pint of oysters. Chop a cupful of finely cut celery in the oyster liquor until transparent, adding water if needed. When the celery is cooked, add a tablespoonful of butter, the juice of half a lemon, a grating of the peel and three tablespoonfuls of orange or any fruit juice. Bring to the boiling point, cook the oysters until the edges curl, and serve on toast.

French Way of Cooking Oysters.—Make a sauce of a tablespoonful of butter, two of flour and a cup of tomato juice. Add a tablespoonful of chopped onion, two tablespoonfuls of orange or any fruit juice. Bring to the boil, cook the oysters until the edges curl, and serve piping hot.

Waldorf Oysters.—Put three tablespoonfuls of olive oil in a saucepan, and a small onion sliced, a shredded green pepper; fry slowly until done, then add a pint of oysters, or more, a dash of salt, red pepper and two tablespoonfuls of currant jelly. Cook five minutes, then add a tablespoonful of tomato catsup. Heat up and serve piping hot.

INVALID COOKERY.

In cooking eggs for those who are ill, it is of utmost importance that they should not be toughened.

They may be cooked from the very soft to the hard stage by using the simple method of boiling water. Allow a pint of water to cover the dish and keep in a warm place. If wanted hard, leave the egg thirty minutes; if wanted soft, take out in eight to ten minutes; if liked medium, take out at the end of fifteen minutes.

Egg baked in cream is a very appetizing manner of cooking an egg. Place a tablespoonful of cream in a small ramekin, drop in the egg, season with butter and salt and set in the oven long enough to coddle the egg.

Beat the white of an egg until stiff, season with salt and drop the white on a piece of buttered toast, making a nest, then place the yolk in the center and season. Put into the oven for a few minutes to just set the egg.

Shirred Eggs—Mix together an eighth of a cup of bread crumbs and a half tablespoonful of butter; stir until well mixed. Cover the bottom of an egg shirrer or ramekin with the buttered crumbs, break in an egg, sprinkle with salt, cover with more crumbs, and set in the oven to cook until the white is set.

Coddled Egg—Scald a third of a cup of milk, add one egg beaten slightly, cook over hot water, stirring constantly, until a soft, creamy consistency, then season with salt and a dash of cayenne. Serve with toast points or fingers.

Sometimes dainty bread and butter sandwiches will be eaten with relish when bread with butter would be refused.

Nellie Maxwell.

His One Request.

"Do you want your wife to vote?"

"I do," replied the man, who has a high idea of civic responsibility. "All I ask of her is that she won't say 'What a bother!' when election happens to come on the same day with one of her bridge parties."

His Trade.

"There goes a man who is an expert at picking locks, yet nobody stops him."

"How does he avoid trouble?"

"Never gets in any. He's a ladies' hairdresser."

Just the Thing.

Husband—By jove, I want something exciting to read; something really blood curdling.

Helpful Wife—Here is my dressmaker's bill, dearest!—Puck.

Found Way to Win.

"I've found the key to success at last," said the poet, as he bought a twenty-five cent cigar. "I had it given out in the papers that I used to be Convict No. 78,654, and was pardoned out because the governor liked one of my poems. Since that time my books have been among the six best sellers."—Puck.

Information.

"Paw, what is a 'deadly parallel'?"

"The railway tracks at any grade crossing, Bobby."

IDEAS FOR HOME BUILDERS

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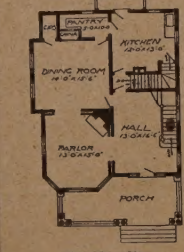
Some houses cost less than their size and appearance would seem to indicate. This is true of the one shown herewith. The lower hall in this house is big enough to be counted as a room. This makes eight rooms and a bathroom in a house 30 feet wide by 38 feet 6 inches deep, not counting porches. Although we have so much inside room, the house is not expensive. It can be built for about $3,000 under favorable conditions.

A feature is the large attic, reached by a back stair from the little back room labeled on the house plan "bedroom;" but probably in most families this room would be used for a sewing room. It is not every house plan that makes provision for this necessity. There is a great deal of work to do in the sewing line in most families; and it is necessary work, too. Most housewives are handy with the needle, and all of them would get along better if they had a nice light room of this kind for the purpose. Every workman requires a workshop. Women are no exception. In order to do good work, we must have the proper tools and facilities to work with. This room, being over the kitchen, with a chimney at the side, is generally warm; and it is always light and pleasant unless the outlook is objectionable. But no one builds a house in unpleasant surroundings if he can possibly help it.

Another attractive feature of this house is the parlor, with its rounded front and large window at the side. Less parlor furniture is required when there are plenty of windows, and a grate in one corner.

I like a corner grate, as it offers some advantage over the ordinary fireplace arrangement. It not only makes an attractive furnishing for this part of the room; but, when the fire is lighted, it throws its light and heat into every nook and corner. This is the Mexican way of building a fireplace. All through the southwestern country, where wood is used for open fires, the small Mexican corner fireplace is found.

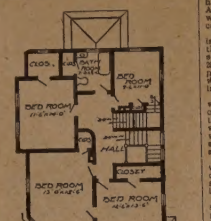
The Mexicans build smaller fireplaces than we do. They believe in making a small fire and getting close to it. They have probably learned this from the Indians. Indians criticise white folks for building a great big fire, then getting away from it and freezing. The Mexican fireplaces are built of adobe brick made of adobe clay, gravel, and straw, and they are dried in the sun the same way as the Egyptians made brick when the children of Isreal were sojourning in that country. But the fire place in this house is built of ordinary hard brick, and it is small enough to accommodate a cozy fire. However, it is also large enough to burn wood chunks, and these make the best fire for comfort. If you know how to select the chunks. Beech and maple and some other kinds of hardwood will burn in the fireplace without sapping out; but if oak and chestnut are used, a wire screen will be needed to save the carpet.



First Floor Plan.

In a great many American homes, the fireplace is valued as an ornament only. Women have an idea that more dusting and sweeping are required when they have an open fire. But if the fireplace is properly constructed and rightly used, it makes very little extra work, and there is nothing else in the house that adds so much to the comfort of the whole family, unless it be the bathroom. If the grate and mantel are built in the side of the room, the heat and light from the fire are largely lost to that side and two corners, whereas the fire in the corner fireplace may be seen and enjoyed from any part of the room.

More attention is now paid to the front hall and open stairway than ever before. When the hall is large enough, the appearance is quite on the grand order as seen from the front door, especially if the stairway is well planned and skilfully constructed. So much of this work is done in factories by machinery nowadays that better results, and for less money, are secured than when hand work is depended on. When a hall is well lighted as this one is, a little extra attention should be given to the building of the stairway. Good material and good work are appreciated as long as the house stands. A well-planned, properly built stairway is something to be proud of. No other detail is so noticeable, and no other part of the house lends itself to the same extent to decoration.



Second Floor Plan.

A Knight a Night.

Blessed with a sense of humor, Sir Henry Irving was not shut up in his dignity as in a tower; he thoroughly appreciated a palpable hit, even at his own expense.

During the rehearsals of "King Arthur," for which Sir Arthur Sullivan composed incidental music, and Sir Edward Burne-Jones designed special costumes, he chanced to overhear the brief monologue that follows:

"Sir 'Enary Irvin', Sir Arthur Sullivan, Sir Edward Burne-Jones!" came in a growl from a dark corner behind the scenes. "Three bloomin' knights —and that's about what I give it!"

Irving liked to repeat this outburst, which the comparative failure of "King Arthur" made peculiarly apposite.—Youth's Companion.

Budapest Owns Many Shops.

The city of Budapest has invested $100,000 in municipal shops, where meats, poultry and dairy products are sold at "reasonable" prices; that is, at prices which yield 5 to 6 per cent net on the capital. The city has killed 10,000 horses in a year. The demand for horse meat is increasing.

There is also a municipal bakery, which has turned out $1,000 pounds of bread a day and is being increased to a capacity of 110,000 pounds a day, or more than 13 per cent of the city's total daily bread consumption.

The city has also formed a company to import fresh meat from Roumania and Servia.

Made His Own Advantages.

James Cooper, a promoter of the parcel post system, never saw the inside of a schoolhouse until he was fourteen, but so thoroughly has he devoted himself to study that he has a working knowledge of practically all the modern civilized languages. He was born at Nantucket, the son of a printer, and in course of time became a master craftsman himself. The greater part of his education was received in the printing office. At one time he was proofreader in all languages in the government printing office at Washington.

Wireless Stations in Peru.

The chamber of deputies at Lima has approved the appropriation of a fund of $100,000 for erecting wireless stations at Arequipa and at Puerto Maldonado in the Madre de Dios region, while the one to be erected at Paita will be built out of the surplus income from the wireless system. Later another station will probably be established inland, in the extreme northern border of the republic. With the improvements at the wireless stations at Panama and Colon it is likely that communication with the United States will soon be practicable

HIS WIFE.

"What do you do for a living, Sambo?"

"I'se de manager ob a laundry."

"What's the name of the laundry?"

"Eliza Ann."

URGING GREAT SALE OF CANNED FOODS

Dealers, grocers, jobbers and manufacturers all over the country are joining hands during the week of March 31st to April 8th in an effort to acquaint housewives with the economy and quality of canned foods.

It is now a well known fact that heat is the only preservative used in preparing these economical foods. The cans are sealed and sterilized at a temperature of 250 degrees, which prevents any contamination and keeps the contents fresh and wholesome as the day the tins were filled in the canneries.

National Canned Foods Week, during which dealers and grocers will make canned foods their sales-features, is for the purpose of demonstrating to housewives that the cost of living can be cut with such foods, and that they may be served in hundreds of delightful ways, and thus served daily without monotony.

The farmer's wife especially finds it advantageous to relieve herself of all the possible and Canned Foods encooking cooking is thus enabled her to do this and at the same time improve the quality of her meals.

Women in every community should observe National Canned Foods Week by going to the dealers and putting in a supply. The saving and general satisfaction in the use of Canned Foods is entirely worth while.—Adv.

It Didn't Matter.

When Fred Kelly made a start in journalism he was put on reporting. One night he was sent to a big fire down town. A reporter named Brown was sent with him. It was a large fire, and presently Brown disappeared. A wall had fallen, and Kelly was sure Brown was under it. He rushed to the telephone and called up his city editor.

"Say," he shouted into the telephone, "Brown is gone. He's burned up!"

"What's that?" asked the city editor.

"Brown is burned up, I tell you. He fell into the fire."

"All right," said the city editor, hanging up the telephone, "I'll send down another man."

Real Economy.

"Tankerly says he gets drunk simply to save time."

"To save time?"

"Yes. You see, he says, when he goes to bed sober he has to bother to dress and put his shoes on again the next morning, whereas if he doesn't go to bed sober all he has to do next morning is to wash his face."

Practical Maid.

She—Of course, I'm much honored by your proposal, but I must have a few days to think it over.

He—Well, when may I come for my answer?

She—Let's see. Monday, there's the washing; Tuesday I must put up clean curtains and Wednesday I must make some jam. Come on Thursday.

Desperate.

"What's that terrible fight going on over there?"

"Oh, that's just an alderman trying to prevent a corporation agent from crowding $1,000 into his pocket."—Puck.

Any Old Way.

"What is your name?"

"Ephraim Ebenezer," replied the small colored boy.

"How do you spell it?"

"Tain' no use to worry 'bout dat; jes' suit yourself. I ain' puhticular."

Suffragettes on the Jury.

"Is the jury ready to report?"

"No, your honoress; they are still discussing the way in which you wear your hair."

True happiness leaves no reactions. The mind is at rest with itself, and the consciousness is filled with the joy of living.—David Starr Jordan.

BLOUSE CUT IN ONE PIECE

One of Tulle Valenciennes Is Made With Neither Trimming Nor Fullness.

The newest cream white blouses are more plain than ever. The prettiest are tulle valenciennes, or a kind of soft point d'esprit with figures like those in the valenciennes design. One blouse of this material has not the slightest trimming or fullness except in the back, where there is a tiny bit to cover the opening and make it look like a narrow plait. The entire thing is made in one piece, the only garnish being little buttons and black velvet in two rows at the [illegible] both back and [illegible] wrists. [illegible] coming of the lace in [illegible] which is the [illegible] feature of this blouse, which was designed in a house in the Place Vendome and intended for the Riviera. In the sleeves made all in one piece, with no extensions whatever. It is as though the entire thing had been molded together. No doubt the styles for the coming season will adopt ideas seen in this blouse. We have arrived at a period when cuts and finishes are at their crescendo of plainness. Nothing further is possible because effects could not possibly be any more rigid or simple.

BLACK SATIN HAT RETAINED

Though White Seems to Be Coming Favorite Color, Yet This Style Is Always Smart.

White colors are to be rampant this year and spread themselves over the world like a gorgeous sunset or a rainbow, yet the tiny black satin hat is to be very smart indeed. The woman who is in doubt what to choose when she is bewildered by the sulphur, purple, bronze and red shades offered would do well to rapidly retreat toward conservatism and choose a hat of black satin that has little trimming being little buttons of black velvet in two rows at the [illegible] hat, both back and [illegible] wrists. [illegible] at the [illegible] which [illegible] rolls slightly back at the [illegible] this the satin is stretched and finished at the seams with a cord or a piping. There are no folds or bows or full crown bands; all is as smooth and demure as a man's silk hat. The trimming is placed flat on the brim and is made up of any kind of feather that has spirals and looks straggling and careless.

The best known choice is a feather called numidie and which is more or less expensive and very fashionable. The peacock feathers are on this order and that is one of the reasons why they have returned to favor. Straw and wheat are also used, and whatever does not lie flat on the brim stands insolently erect in the middle of the front or back.

STYLISH SPRING DRESS

Spring dress of Royal blue broadcloth with draped skirt and yoke of accordion pleated silk. The waist is made almost entirely of silk with tapels and accordion pleated short sleeves.

Curtains of Fine Net.

It has always been possible to get coarse nets in crude colors. This year one of the fine nets has appeared in soft artistic shades that are a delight to the eye; old blue, mulberry, brown, light blue, and pink are a few of the colors. It is 50 inches wide and sells for 50 cents a yard. It will make satisfactory substitute for two sets of curtains, combining the transparency of the white net and the color of silk or linen, says a writer for the Pictorial Review. The bungalow nets, also colored, are very effective. The designs are large and there are usually two colors in the design. One is gold and cream, another brown and gold, a third two shades of old red, another blue and ecru, etc. These are 50 inches wide, and sell for $1.50.

Uses for Gelatin.

Here are a few uses for gelatin: To launder fine curtains use two level teaspoonfuls to one quart of water. To launder fine white and colored dresses use two level teaspoonfuls of gelatin to one quart of water. So stiffened the garments or curtains will look like new.

A little dissolved gelatin added to whipped cream will improve it greatly by giving it greater consistency, when it can be formed into any shape desired.

To redress old silk add one tablespoonful of gelatin to one quart water, sponge the silk on the wrong side and roll very tightly while still damp around a curtain pole; let it remain until dry. Ammonia may be added if desired.

Beaded Bags.

Beaded bags refuse to be ousted. The smartest are of jet oblongs, pierced and applied to the net alternately with beads of silver or gold, or set solidly together and bordered with silver, gold or white disks. Equally alluring are the bags made of steel mingling with colored beads and those which show the same curious shaded effects that distinguish shot silks. Some of these latter are made in the fashionable pannier shape first brought out in walrus or seal bags, and all contain a change purse and card case of satin matching the lining of the chief receptacle.

To Wash Cretonne Draperies.

Boil one pound of rice in one gallon of water until rice is soft, then strain off one quart of the milky water and add a piece of gum arabic the size of an egg. Set this aside for starching.

Take the remainder of the water and rice, add enough warm water to wash the curtains. Rub on a handful of the boiled rice and souse up and down many times, then rinse in clear water.

Starch in the water as prepared above. Iron with a medium hot iron when partly dry. The cretonne will look like new.

Add Ammonia.

White frocks and blouses or underclothing that have a bad color should be first soaked in cold water to which a little ammonia has been added and then given a lemon bleach; that is, a large lemon should be cut into slices, and rind and all boiled up in the boiling pan or small copper. When at full boiling point put in the linens and muslins and boil for twenty minutes.

Would Leave Nature Alone.

"When Nature has decided on the color of an eye, it is not for man to alter it," remarked Mr. Plowden at Marylebone in fining a man for blackening another man's optic.—London Chronicle.

His Ultimatum.

"Papa, may I hike with the suffragettes?"

"Not if it calls for anything in the way of a special hiking costume, my dear."

Hard to Get Right Course.

Playfulness is a good means of softening social distances. A stiff, grave man is always in danger of being feared too much. On the other hand, as the self-love of many people is suspicious in the extreme, you must expect that your innocent playfulness will often be mistaken for ridicule.—Sir Arthur Helps.

The Reason.

"Why is it every kind of cause is so anxious to get into the newspapers?"

"Naturally, to give it prestige."

A Jolly Good Day

Follows

A Good Breakfast

Try a dish of

Post Toasties

tomorrow morning.

These sweet, thin bits made from Indian Corn are cooked, toasted and sealed in tight packages without the touch of human hand.

They reach you fresh and crisp—ready to eat from the package by adding cream or milk and a sprinkling of sugar, if desired.

Toasties are a jolly good dish—

Nourishing
Satisfying
Delicious

PREREQUISITES ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO SUCCESS IN PRODUCTION OF LAMBS.

One of First Essentials Is to Secure Strong, Uniform Ewe Flock —Should Be Rugged in Constitution, Active Foragers, Regular Breeders, Good Milkers and Shearers.

Profitable Mutton and Wool Flock.

(By PROF. W. C. COFFEY, University of Illinois.)

Mutton production has become largely a question of furnishing lambs for the market. The buyers at Chicago Union stock yards assert that about 80 per cent of all the sheep reching that place are lambs. While the very nature of things assures us there always will be mature sheep sold as mutton, we are constrained to believe that in the future the demand for lamb mutton will be even stronger than it is today. It is surely true that the demand for lamb mutton of the higher grade will become greater if our people keep up their present pace in learning to consume mutton, because their tastes will become educated to discriminate closely between ordinary and choice mutton products. It is within the possibilities of the native grower to produce choice lambs for the market but there are certain prerequisites absolutely necessary to success in this work, and also some besetting sins of which our native producers are guilty, which must be abandoned before we can do it.

Every one will doubtless agree that the strong, vigorous, rapidly growing lamb is more profitable to the producer than his weak constitutioned, backward brother. And hence, to get at the profitable production of lambs we must search out the essentials necessary to the production of the former sort. One of the first things to seek is a strong, uniform ewe flock —ewes that are strong in constitution, active foragers, uniform and regular breeders, deep milkers and good shearers.

If regular breeders, ewe with strong constitution, well developed vital organs to bring forth a lamb with enough vitality to battle for life should conditions be reversed, and this is enough to discourage a shepherd if, at the lamb's birth, both the lamb and the ewe are indifferent about coming together and living together courageously. The ewe is not worth much if she has not the ability to care for her lamb well. To secure the desirable bloom on the lamb, which is characterized by baby fat and plumpness, requires a liberal supply of milk from the mother, and this is hardly possible if she is not robust and an eager feeder. Therefore, the things of first importance in selecting the ewe flock are robustness and strength of constitution.

Most native sheep growers are open to criticism in that they do not select the ewes that are uniform and regular breeders. Observations have led me to believe that few have given these things due regard. Most of us prefer a lot of ewes uniform in appearance, and it is commendable in us that we do, but this is not all; because we must seek those ewes that will all lamb at about the same time.

Unevenness in a band of lambs works a hardship upon the individual worth of the lambs because they are hard to judge by the buyer and he bids low to make himself safe. Native lambs are described on the market as the "up and down sort," and the fact that they are so reflects upon the skill of the native producer in the eyes of the buyer. Our cousins on the range are compelled, through force of circumstances, to have their lambs born all within a period of about 15 days, because the lambing grounds will not maintain the band of ewes for a long period. Ewes, failing to bring lambs within this short period, are sorted out and sold for mutton. As a result bands of range lambs come upon the market in condition and weight, and while they do not sell as well as the best native lambs, they average a much better sale as a whole. Evenness is one of the things in their favor. The range men, though rejecting the ewes that failed to conceive in 15 days, have built up bands of ewes that breed quite regularly, and it is quite possible, I think, for the native flock owner to do something in this direction. With our small flocks we cannot be so rigid as the range men, but we can do much toward selecting these ewes that will bring forth their lambs at about the same time. How can this be done? By selling off the ewes that persist in breeding late and by not reserving the extremely late to-lamb ewes for breeding ewes. A ewe once failing to breed is nearly always counted the late breeder and is not worth while keeping to be reformed. Late born lambs are much more likely to breed late than the early born lambs. We can avoid the late appearance of lambs by using the most vigorous, active rams possible. Here is something that should never be overlooked. What is demanded of the ram, besides his individual excellence, is a short, hard serviceable season. If he is not capable of this, it is unfair to the ewe flock to lay the sin of a long drawn out lambing season against them alone. And he will not be capable of a short, har dservice unless he is of the highest type in constitution and vigor. In selecting a ram to sire market lambs, the leading question the feeder should ask himself is "Do I want lambs like this sheep?" If you do and if he is vigorous and well bred, you will most likely be rewarded in so far as the sire himself can reward you.

SEASONABLE WORK IN THE POTATO GARDEN

Experiment With Poultry Manure and Superphosphate Favors

of Yours.

On these I used a 14% superphosphate in the hill at the rate of about 50 pounds per acre.

I noticed throughout the growing season that the potatoes manured with poultry manure were growing much faster than the others. The soil was just about the same in both places, as was the cultivation.

When the potatoes reached maturity I dug 24 hills of each of two rows lying adjacent to each other. One was fertilized with poultry manure and the other with superphosphate. The potatoes from each 24 hills were carefully weighed with the following results.

Twenty-four hills with superphosphate yielded 20.5 pounds.

Twenty-four hills with poultry manure yielded 36.75 pounds.

Difference in favor of poultry manure 15.25 pounds.

The variety of potatoes planted was common No. 1. All of the potatoes were practically free from scab as I only noticed one scabby potato and it was found among the ones grown with poultry manure.

Poultry Profits.

A poultry raiser's profits do not come from the number of chickens he hatches, but the number raised to maturity.

Interest in Educational Trains.

During the journey of one of the railroad's special educational trains throughout the west last fall hundreds of women, young and old, went to the station to listen to talks by women experts on domestic science, dairying and other subjects of interest to them.

Good Nurse Crop.

Wheat is a satisfactory nurse crop for grass because it does not take up so much moisture as oats and would for that reason give a better stand for grass.

LITTLE SONGSTERS ARE EARLY RISERS

Lark Does Not Deserve Reputation for Getting Out Early—Is a Sluggard.

A student of bird life, who has been investigating the question as to the hour in summer when the commonest small birds wake up and begin to sing, says that the greenfinch is the earliest riser, as it sings about one-thirty o'clock in the morning. The blackcap begins at two-thirty and the quail half an hour later.

It is nearly four o'clock, and the sun is well up, before the first real songster appears—the merry blackbird. Then comes the thrush, followed by the robin and the wren; and last, the house sparrow and the tomtit.

Thus it will be seen that the lark's reputation as an early riser is not deserved. In fact, he is a very sluggard. he does not rise until long after many hedgerow birds have been about for some time.

To Choose Fruit Varieties.

First know what the fruit to be used for, then learn what kinds that meet that demand do best in the neighborhood. It will pay to be deliberate in their choice and to confine the list to less than half a dozen kinds if market is the aim.

Labor on Orchards.

There are few who appreciate the amount of labor and money necessary in developing and maintaining an orchard of 100 or 150 acres, to say nothing of the experience and executive ability necessary in handling such large crops.

Pure-Bred Stock.

No one keeping poultry can afford to be without pure-bred stock. The time is past when cross-breeds and dunghills can compete with thoroughbreds. One who has made a study of the great breads now admitted to the Standard will not dispute this fact. It has taken years to perfect each variety of standard bred birds. If it takes years to perfect the shape, the color and other Standard requirements then why does it not follow that it likewise takes years to perfect the laying qualities of a variety?

CELERY AS DUCK FOOD

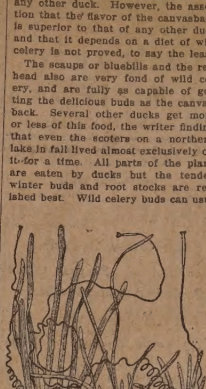
Winter Buds and Root Stocks Are Relished Best.

Plant Is Wholly Submerged With Long, Flexible, Ribbon-Like Leaves of Light Translucent Green—Flowers Are Peculiar.

(By W. L. M'ATEE.)

The names wild celery and canvas back duck have been closely associated in the annals of American sport. To a certain extent this association is justified, since the canvas back obtains about one-fourth of its food from this plant—a greater proportion than any other duck. However, the assertion that the flavor of the canvasback is superior to that of any other duck and that it depends on a diet of wild celery is not proved, to say the least.

The scaups or bluebills and the redhead also are very fond of wild celery, and are fully as capable of getting the delicious buds as the canvasback. Several other ducks get more or less of this food, the writer finding that even the scoters on a northern lake in fall lived almost exclusively on it for a time. All parts of the plant are eaten by ducks but the tender winter buds and root stocks are relished best. Wild celery buds can usu-



Wild Celery.

ally be obtained by the diving ducks, such as the bluebills, redheads, canvasback and scotera. The non-diving species, as the mallard, black duck, baldpate and the geese get an occasional bud, but more often they feed upon the leaves.

The [illegible] plant, which is of light translucent green and [illegible] identically the same width (anywhere from one-fourth to three-fourths of an inch, from root to tip. This plant may be distinguished from the eelgrass, which lives in brackish or salt water, by the fact that its leaves grow in bundles from the root stock, while those of eelgrass arise singly and alternate on opposite sides of the stem.

The flowers of wild celery are peculiar. The staminate flowers attached at the base of the plants shed pollen, which floats on the surface of the water and fertilizes the pistillate flower. The latter is attached to a long slender, round stem, which contracts to a spiral, drawing the flower under the water after fertilization. The seed pod into which the pollenized flower develops is straight or curved, a little slenderer than a common lead pencil and from 3 to 6 inches long. It contains embedded in a clear jelly, small dark seeds, in number about 50 to the inch. No such pod is borne by any other fresh water plant.

GUINEAS ARE HARD TO RAISE

Young Birds Must Be Watched Carefully Until Past Tender Age—Of Very Wild Nature.

Guinea hens are among the hardest of all birds to breed, chiefly because the young guineas is so extremely tender. They are also of a very wild nature, and when one of them is lost from the hen it may be counted as lost. It is advisable to keep the young guineas shut up for a few days after they are hatched and feed them on bread crumbs, coarse corn meal and occasionally a hard-boiled egg, ground fine and mixed with the bread crumbs.

After they leave the hen, if the days are warm and bright, they are allowed to hunt bugs and worms and require little feeding. After they are feathered out they need little care, as they are able to shift for themselves until the winter cuts off their supply of food.

In winter they must have a shelter and be fed the same as other poultry, but must be kept shut in when there is snow on the ground, as they will fly into the tops of trees or on roofs of buildings, and refuse to come down.

Varieties of Ducks.

Today we have 11 acknowledged varieties of ducks, viz.: Pekin, Aylesbury, Rouen, Indian Runner, Crested White, White Muscovy, Colored Muscovy, Cayuga, White Call, Gray Call and Black East Indians.

For real practical purposes, I only recommend the first four classes and in the order that I have named them, the Pekin being the most extensively bred and probably as good as an all-round market duck as there is today; but they are the most timid, and consequently more liable to get panic-stricken when raised in large numbers, says a writer in an exchange. Standard weight of adult drakes, eight pounds; ducks, seven pounds. As to laying qualities the Pekins are outclassed only by a single breed. It is a common thing for a Pekin duck to lay from 100 to 125 eggs in a single season.

Source of Loss.

Killing or selling the best chickens first, leaving the poor ones, expecting they will finally develop into profitable fowls, is one of the most serious channels of loss with farm poultry raisers.

MAID OF THE MILL

When the Clatter of the Reawakened Machinery Turned Into Music.

By HAROLD CARTER.

"Seems to me you young folks don't think of nothing but pleasure," said Mrs. Adams querulously, as she watched her daughter Lizzie put on her new hat. "I never had clothes like those you've bought since you've been in the mill."

"For the Lord's sake, mother, don't you want me to go out at all?" replied the other crossly. "There, I'm sorry," she added, as she stooped to kiss the invalid. "I won't be gone long."

"Well, see that Si Winton brings you back safe," grumbled the elder woman, watching her daughter curiously as she passed through the door and into the village street.

But Lizzie Adams was not thinking of Si Winton, whom her mother had selected as her beau. Si was not unwilling that he should be the subject of parental approbation, for the Adams family was the first in the county, and it was a collateral branch, the Winthrop Adamses, who owned the big new cotton mill which drew thousands of young people from the mountain districts to work there. Lizzie Adams, however, was of the poorer branch. Her small wage was all that sustained their family of two—and before that they had lived in the utmost penury. Their tiny cottage was at the end of the village street, and almost bare. Mrs. Adams grudged Lizzie the few dollars she withheld for clothes.

Lizzie Adams was not going to the village. Instead she made her way toward the brand new brick mansion of her cousin Herbert, who had come from college the week before to take charge of the mill upon the occasion of his father's sudden demise. They had been sweethearts in the good old days, before Winthrop Adams had risen from a country store-

So Long as Her Mother Lived She Must Go Back.

keeper to a country magnate, by a shrewd investment. But doubtless Herbert had long ago forgotten her. For she had not seen him for four—five years, it must be. And her last memory of that stolen kiss under the maples, and her still more shameful acquiescence in it, made her cheeks redden as she walked.

She was not hoping to meet Herbert; she was just taking a stroll, attired in her best hat and her one wearable gown. And if he should remember his promise about some day returning—well—Dangerous thoughts flitted through her little head.

Those who seek, find. Lizzie met Herbert, driving a smart trap, and by his side sat a young lady, dressed in what seemed to Lizzie the height of fashion. And because there was hardly room to pass the trap stopped, and Herbert recognized her and bowed and smiled and turned to the girl at his side and spoke. Then she smiled scornfully, and the trap disappeared behind her.

"You haven't quarreled with Si Winton?" asked her mother, crossly, when Lizzie returned.

"No, I didn't meet him," answered the girl. Two minutes later she was sitting her sob upon her bed in the little room adjoining the invalid's.

If Herbert had no thoughts for her upon the street, how would he greet her in the mill when, dressed in her working clothes and covered with lint, she toiled at the machine? She could not bear to drag herself to the place next morning. The girls stood there, heavy-eyed, sullen of face, dreaming of Sunday and of their beaux.

"Now, then, don't stand dreaming there!" shouted Miss Jones, the forewoman, to Lizzie. "Seems to me you're the unhandiest girl in the mill. Don't you know young Mr. Adams is coming round to inspect this place this morning?"

Lizzie Adams turned sullenly to her machine. She had long ago learned that her distant relationship to the owner exposed her only to derision. Old Winthrop Adams had never liked the girl. The branches of the family had quarreled in the long ago, and he had justified his incompetence by giving her a place in the mill.

It was toward noon when Herbert Adams came in, escorted by the foreman. He passed slowly along the line of machines, listening to his guide's explanation. Half way down he came upon Lizzie. He must have seen her. But he did not even look at her. Lizzie felt herself reddening; she heard Miss Jones snicker audibly behind her. Herbert passed on.

"Seems to me some folks ought to know their places," Miss Jones remarked to one of her friends, "and not go making eyes at their betters."

Lizzie worked on in silence. The clatter of the machinery seemed a torture. She felt herself caught helplessly in the jaws of these monsters, just as the cotton was caught, ravelled, shredded and seeded. She was equally helpless. And the future it stretched away, as far as she could see, equally hopeless. She would never be able to leave the mill—unless Si Winton—

At noon she crept away to spend the half hour's recess somewhere under the trees, away from the prying eyes of those who had seen the incident of the morning. The forest extended almost to the mill fence. It was part of the old Adams estate and sacred against the ax. In the distance, through the trees, Lizzie could see the red brick house. A thought came to her. Why should she not run away! Why not just walk and walk and walk into those green vistas of trees, anywhere, so long as she never turned back?

No! So long as her mother lived she must go back, from day to day, to endure the jeers and scoffs and coarse speech of those others who recognized that she was not one of them, and envied and hated her.

Suddenly a shadow fell across her path and she found herself looking up into the face of a bronzed young man whose eyes were bent upon her with unmistakable interest.

"Lizzie!" exclaimed the mill owner, "I saw you leaving the grounds, and followed you. How do you do? I've often thought of you since we parted—let me see, years ago. It must be—"

"You seemed to forget your politeness this morning in the mill," the girl retorted, struggling to keep back her tears.

"Why," exclaimed the young man in astonishment, "really, I was so embarrassed—I never thought it best—"

"Yes, you were embarrassed because I wasn't dressed like your friend yesterday," she blurted out, and could have bitten her tongue afterward.

"Miss Keith? Why she—why, Lizzie, dear, she's the agent for the cotton company—just a business woman, who is negotiating for the year's output. You didn't think—"

Suddenly he caught her in his arms. "Lizzie," he whispered, with his face very close to hers, "did you think I had forgotten? Don't you know my father sent me away to college because I cared? I want you, Lizzie, just as I always did; I want a girl of my own country and my own people, not—Miss Keith!"

And the clatter of the reawakening mill suddenly turned into music.

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BUILDING RULES MOST STRICT

Those of Switzerland Designed to Give Protection to Adjacent Property Owners.

A peculiar building regulation is in force in most parts of Switzerland. It is required that before the erection of a new building, frames or screens must be erected to show the height and position of the proposed building. In practice this amounts to erecting at each angle of the building a pole or mast with a projecting triangular frame attached to it at the cornice level to indicate the height and projection of the cornice. The building law of the canon Zurich requires that the framework shall be erected when the plans are submitted for approval by the public authorities. The purpose of the rule apparently is to bring out, in advance of construction, the architectural relations of the building to adjoining structures and to the districts in which it lies, both for aiding the municipal authorities in passing upon the plans from the architectural viewpoint and giving the neighboring owners an opportunity to judge of the effect of the proposed new building upon their interests.

Velocity of Light.

The first determination of the velocity of light was made by Romer in 1676. The method was based upon the observation of the eclipses of Jupiter's satellites, phenomena of frequent recurrence and easy of observation. Assuming that light required time whereas to move from place to place through space, the interval between successive eclipses would appear too short when the earth is approaching Jupiter and too long when the earth is receding therefrom. Romer found in his observations that such was the case and that the interval was conditioned by the rate of speed at which the earth changed places relatively to Jupiter. From these constants Romer computed that light expended about sixteen and one-half minutes in crossing the earth's orbit, which he deduced a velocity of about 186,500 miles a second.—Harper's Weekly.

Sink or Swim.

A correspondent commenting upon a recent case involving the age and quality of eggs which came before the supreme court, remarks: It is undoubtedly true that the most certain way to determine the question is for the court to break and smell of each egg in the 443 cases seized; but, as this method may be more time than the court can well devote to the case, having other grave (smelling) questions to determine, I suggest that the court adopt the rule which the old woman insisted never failed to guide her in testing eggs. She said: "In order to tell whether an egg is good or bad, you take some warm water—not too warm, but just nice and warm—and put the egg in it, small end up, and if it's a good egg, it will either sink or swim." And she didn't remember which.—Docket.

Interruption.

The late James B. Hammond had a singularly generous nature—as was evidenced, among other things, by his distribution of 50,000 bright new Lincoln pennies from his motor car among the children of New York. Mr. Hammond hated meanness. Once, at a club, he heard a man meanly asking a doctor for free advice on all sorts of medical topics. "And, now, doctor," this individual finally said, "suppose a man got frost-bitten—how would you treat him?" "Oh," broke in Mr. Hammond, impatiently, "rub him with a man who's had a sunstroke!"

Obvious Way.

"My son writes me that he has got into the swim."

"He is at a fashionable watering place, isn't he?"

"Yes."

"I thought so. Anybody can get in there."

Conditions Changed.

"Peck isn't happy. His wife is continually saying sharp and snappy things to him."

"Why, he told me before he married her that was what he admired most about her."

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Mrs. L. S. BRENNER, Hudson, Mich., says:—

"Sometime ago I was taken with a terrible pain in my right side, such sharp pains just like a knife sticking me. I had hot applications but that did no good. I went to our family doctor (we were living in Fayette, Ohio, at that time) and he said it was organic inflammation. I doctored with him a while but kept getting worse. The pain was so terrible I could hardly stand on my feet. I would have that sharp pain in my right side, and a dull heavy pain the whole length of my limb. I realized that something had to be done quickly, so I looked up all of your advertisements I could find, and saw several that described my case. I got a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it helped me from the first dose, and when I had taken two bottles my trouble was gone. Your medicine has done so much for me that I am willing you should publish this letter for the sake of other suffering women."—Mrs. L. S. BRENNER, Hudson, Michigan.

Mrs. L. E. BOWERS, Girard, Pa., says:—

"I take pleasure in informing you of what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me. I had a sick spell last February, and for some months after that I was not regular and had many bad feelings. I was tired all the time, had dull headaches, not much appetite, and also what the doctor called organic inflammation. Your Vegetable Compound has entirely cured me and I feel that too much cannot be said in its praise as I am now able to do my own work. You are perfectly welcome to use my testimonial for the benefit of others."—Mrs. L. E. BOWERS, R.F.D. No. 1, Girard, Pa.

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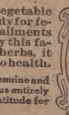

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CENTER HARBOR

Mrs. Cynthia Kelley is very low with no hope of recovery

At the last meeting of Garnet Hill Grange the third and fourth degree was exemplified before Inspector Joseph Smith Jr. of Meredith Center. A supper was served. Several visitors were present

A sugar party was held at the church on Saturday evening which was well attended and much enjoyed. Easter was celebrated by a concert Sunday evening

A. R. Lunt has suffered from a severe cold the past week.

Miss Edna Hanson has been at her home here for a week

German measles have been prevalent here for several weeks

Mrs. Annette Webster and Mrs. Tracy are guests at Chas. Jackson's for a few weeks

Mrs. Mary Blake who has spent the winter in St. Johnsbury has returned home

Meredith

To illustrate the extent to which the public is using the new Parcel Post the following figures are interesting: At the Meredith Post Office the weight of all mails to Center Harbor, Moultonboro and Center Sandwich for the first 20 days in November 1912 was 1954 pounds. This was before the Parcel Post system was established. For the first 20 days in March 1913 the total weight to those points was 2832 pounds; an increase of nearly 900 pounds, almost all of which is directly due to the Parcel Post matter handled

The annual school meeting was held at the town hall on Thursday of last week. F. H. Smith was chosen moderator and Geo. F. Smith was chosen clerk; Mrs. Lettie Mead was elected a member of the school board and D. E. Eaton was elected school treasurer. The salary of the school treasurer was made $25 a year. The usual appropriations were made. A committee consisting of Joe F. Smith, D. R. Dearborn and M. E. Blake being appointed to look into the matter in regard to a new school building and report at the adjourned meeting which was called for April 24

MEREDITH

The next regular meeting of the Ellacoya Chapter O E S will be held on Wednesday evening, Mar 26 (this week)

Wanted. A bright, smart and neat young lady or girl behind Sanborn and Son's Soda Fountain the coming season.

Ellis M. Robinson and Leon O. Davis were united in marriage by the Rev. W. F. Pottle on Saturday evening March 22

Mr and Mrs Albert Sprague are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a 9 and 1-2 pounds boy which was born Tuesday night

Spring Medicines and Spring Cleaning Goods are the specialty at Sanborn and Son's.

Easter was observed at the different churches with services appropriate to the occasion. Special concerts being held at the Brick church, the South church, the North church, the Advent church and the Episcopal Mission

An immense line of Apollo and Liggett's Chocolates in this week at Sanborn and Son's.

The annual Musicale of the Woman's Progress Club was held at the Odd Fellows' Hall on Tuesday evening to a large and appreciative audience. The evening's entertainment consisted of instrumental music by Mrs. Clough, Miss Prescott, Miss Dearborn, Miss Eaton and Miss Swain; Vocal selections by a quartette composed of Mrs. Blaisdell, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Young and Mrs. Eaton; A paper upon Paul Lawrence Dunbar of unusual interest was read by Mrs. Erskine and a reader from Laconia gave several selections. At the close of the entertainment refreshments of coffee and cake were served

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Woman's Progress Club Members Take Notice!

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EAST MOULTONBORO

Miss Ethel Smith returned home Saturday from Center Harbor where she had been under the Dr. care for stomach trouble.

Miss Azilla Berry is at George Bragg's.

Mr. Ford recently lost a valuable mule.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Goss are spending a few days here from Tamworth.

Miss Sarah Shaw a former resident of this town who died at Ossipee was brought here for burial Sunday. The funeral was at Mrs. Shaws at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. John Wesley, Miss Shaw was about seventy years of age

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MRS. HANNAH CARLE,
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Before me a Notary Public, in and for Clark County and State of Ohio, personally appeared Hannah Carle, this 21st day of November, 1911, and made oath that the above statement was true in substance and fact.

GOLDEN C. DAVIS,
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Baptist Church

Morning worship at eleven o'clock Sunday morning Sermon topic "The Kingdom of Heaven and the Rival Kingdom" Sunday evening the four churches unite for a prayer and testimony meeting. The meeting will be held in the Brick Church at seven o'clock. The subject is "What we cannot do for ourselves"

On Thursday evening at 7:30 [illegible] regular business meeting of the church

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

BELKNAP,ss COURT OF PROBATE

To the heirs at law of the estate of James D. Garbett, late of Meredith in said County, deceased, testate, and to all others interested therein:

WHEREAS Bertram Blaisdell, executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, has filed in the Probate Office for said County, the account of his administration of said estate:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Court of Probate to be holden at Laconia, in said County, on the 10th day of April next, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

Said executor is ordered to serve this citation by causing the same to be published once each week for three successive weeks in the Meredith News, a newspaper printed at Meredith, in said County, the last publication to be at least seven days before said Court.

Given at Laconia, in said County, this 18th day of March, A. D. 1913

By the Court,
TRUE W. THOMPSON,
Register

CENTER HARBOR NECK.

Will Ruiter is selling R. I. R. chicks from the Lakewood incubato s

Mrs Elmer Gilpatric is somewhat improved from a severe attack of stomach trouble.

The Orchard at Quincy farms is being trimmed and put in shape for the season

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hutchins attended the inspection of Winnepesaukee Grange Friday evening.

Frank Pierce is sawing wood with John Tuttles engine

State of Ohio, City of Toledo } ss
Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

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Gladys Tillotson and Roscoe F. Kimball were united in marriage by Rev. W. F. Pottle on Saturday evening March 22

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Its Real Value.

"This poem was written by a prominent lawyer of this city. Has it any value?" "About as much value," said the editor, "as a legal opinion written by a poet."—Washington Herald.

MEREDITH

The following letter from E. H. Clough of Manchester, N. H. a native of Meredith and one of our Summer visitors will be of interest.

Manchester, N. H. March 20., 1913

Mr. F. M. Maxwell,
Board of Trade,
Meredith, N. H.

Dear Mr. Maxwell;

I have just read with very much interest that the Meredith Board of Trade is to hold a meeting to-night at the Elm House for the purpose of Booming Meredith and to try and place the Grand old town on the map as New Hampshire's leading Summer Resort. There is no one thing that the Board of Trade could do that would accomplish more, than to get the town to clean up the shore front. It would be an invitation in itself for Summer Visitors to locate there. In my travels to and from my old home in Meredith, I have heard a great deal of criticism in regard to the backward condition of things here and I have often wished for a public spirit that would clean e the order of things. Under improved conditions, I have friends who would go there and buy property. Just look at the shore line about the Bay on Pleasant Street; bushes are a growing up and the shore used as a dumping ground. There is the remains of an old charred shack anchored within three hundred feet of the shore and leading there to is an unsightly tumble down walk made of old rotten railroad ties, etc., all of which obstructs the view of one of the prettiest Bays in the entire Lake Region. Compare the shore at Meredith with the shore line at Center Harbor, Wolfborough and other points, and then do you wonder that people of means give the town a wide birth? When your Board of Trade has succeeded in getting the shore front in Meredith Bay renovated, you will have accomplished a purpose that will be a great Boom to Meredith as a Summer Resort.

With every good wish for a successful meeting, I am very sincerely,

E. H. Clough.

S. Grad will make a combined business and pleasure trip to New York city this week while there he will pu chase his Spring goods

M. C. Brown went to Boston last [illegible] visit his son Dr. Ralph [illegible] who is on the [illegible] Clinton Hospital.

[illegible] arriving unusually early in the season. The first guests come from Melrose Mar. 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Rich from No Truro Cape Cod, arrived Monday night.

Russell Brown has made a few gallons of fine maple syrup.

Mrs. Charles Andrews has returned from Moultonboro where she has been caring for a sick patient.

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Corliss Sr. attended Pomona meeting at Laconia Monday.

N B Sanborn will conduct the morning and eve service at the South Church Sunday March 30. Brother Sanborn alway has a message. Come and hear what he has to say

Another large invoice of those highly successful Rexall Remedies just in at Sanborn and Son's

Meredith Neck

Gus Francis and friend are [illegible] on a fishing trip they stop at [illegible] Lovejoys

School commenced this week Ruth Hawkins teacher

Mrs Melissa Davis has gone to Laconia to visit her daughter Mrs Clara Downes

Mr Follett and wife are spending a few days at their cottage

J. C Young will hold services at the church next Sunday

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CENTER SANDWICH

Miss Evelyn Russell is at home from Laconia for the Easter Vacation

Miss Laura Severance who has been in Plymouth this Winter has been visiting her sister Mrs. Walter Bryant the past week.

Miss Edith Quimby is at home.

J. P. Clark has been quite sick the past week.

Miss Louisa Moulton is at home.

The Selectmen have been in session the past week to attend to mailing the inventory blanks, and other business.

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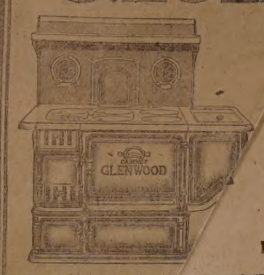

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MEREDITH

James A. Wilcox was called to Melbourne, P. Q. on Friday of last week on account of the serious illness of his brother

The boat house and two boats of E. A. Gilford of Concord was destroyed by fire on Tuesday of last week

O. N. Billings of Somersworth was a visitor in town on Friday

Howard Morrison and George Prescott have been camping a few days the past week at the Stony Point Castle, while there they landed a number of shad

George Swain has been offered a situation at Concord as teamster for the city and will enter upon his new duties in the near future

Fred Voorneveld has been confined to the house the past week by illness

Mrs. C. C. Bickford is confined to her room by illness and under the care of a trained nurse

The body of John Easter who died at the Masonic Home at Concord Saturday, March 22, was brought to Meredith for burial on Tuesday Mar. 25. The members of Chocorua Lodge, A. F. & A. M. attended the burial in a body

R. W. Maxwell started on Friday morning of last week for a few days visit at New York City

There will be a Masquerade Ball at the town hall, Meredith, Wednesday eve'g, Apr. 2nd, 1913. Brownell's Ladies Orchestra will furnish the music. Concert from 8 to 8:30, Dancing 8:30 to 1. Everybody requested to mask. Admission to floor 50c each. Balcony 25c

Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Riggs will start on March 31 for a two weeks' visit at Dorchester, Mass. and vicinity

Chas. Raymond, clerk at the post office is nursing a well developed case of measles this week

Miss Alice Ballard who is home from Simmons for the Easter holidays has been entertaining Miss Rae Lafavour and Mr. R. C. Fuller of Boston for a few days.

Red Acre Farm will be presented at the town hall on Wednesday evening, March 26th, under the auspices of the Winnepesaukee Grange.

Mrs. S. A. Burleigh of Whitman Mass. was a visitor in Meredith a few days last week.

NORTH CHURCH

At the North Church next Sabbath morning the subject of the sermon will be "Prevention Better Than Cure." In the evening there will be a service in which all the churches of the village will unite, to be held at the Baptist church at the usual hour.

The Ladies' Social Circle will meet with Mrs. Dearborn on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock

The midweek meeting of the church is held in the chapel on Thursday evening at 7:30. Subject for this weeks meeting "The Golden Rule."

MEREDITH

The second Banquet of the Meredith Board of Trade was held at the Elm Hotel on Thursday evening. The affair was in charge of S. Hayward, Jr., R. W. Maxwell and J. G. Sullivan, and the committee deserve special mention for the smoothness with which the affair was carried out. Plates were laid for about 50 persons. After all had done justice to the bounteous dinner prepared by the proprietor Mr. Gould, speech making was in order, J. M. Ward of the Industrial Bureau of the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. was the first speaker and his remarks were on. The work of Boards of Trade. Rep. C. N. Roberts extended in behalf of the Governor regrets of His Excellency inability to attend. W. H. Neal, of the Selectmen spoke on the advantages of Meredith as a farming and stock raising community. J. G. Sullivan read a number of letters from parties who sent regrets for not being able to attend the Banquet. A. L. Felker spoke very touchingly of Meredith as a Capital city and is followed by Bertram Blaisdell who read several letters from parties unable to attend. J. F. Beede closed the speaking with a few fitting remarks and the Banqueters adjourned to the town hall, where Prof. A. L. Davis of Ashland gave his illustrated lecture upon New Hampshire. E. C. Mansfield was toastmaster and read a telegram from E. C. Mansfield Sr. who is in the South. All present went home satisfied that the Banquet was a success from start to finish.

The Democrates of the State are planning upon a big demonstration in celebration of the victory which has begun on election day with the casting of the electoral vote for Wilson and Marshall, continued with the choice of a Governor all of the councillors and a majority of the Senate, and culminated with the election of a U. S. Senator.

A joint committee representing the democratic members of the legislature and the Democrates of Concord are in charge. Wednesday, March 26t has been selected as the date and speakers of national reputation are expected to be present.

The speaking will be preceded by a parade which will be participated in by members of the legislature and democrats from all parts of the State. Special efforts are being made to secure the attendance of members of the party from every city and town.

Arrangements have been made to have the Shoo Fly stop at Meredith to accommodate parties that wish to attend the celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Dickinson and family of Malden Mass. will occupy the Free Baptist Parsonage. Mr. Dickinson after April 1st. will be at J. W. Beede and Co.

The D. I. which will be given away to one that has the lucky ticket at the Grange Fair is on exhibition at the store of Geo. F. Sanborn and Son.

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PRECINCT MEETING

The annual precinct meeting will be held at the town hall on Monday evening, March 31 and the following are the articles of the warrant:

Art. 1 To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year

Art. 2 To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year

Art. 3 To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year

Art. 4 To choose 3 Commissioners for the ensuing year

Art. 5 To choose 1 Water Commissioners for 3 years

Art. 6 To choose 2 Auditors for the ensuing year.

Art. 7 To see what sum you will raise for Hydrant Rental

Art. 8 To see what sum you will raise for Street Lighting

Art. 9 To see what disposition you will make of funds received from water service

Art. 10 To see how much you will raise for General expenses

Art. 11 To see what action the district will take in regard to moving the Engine House and buying lot or paying the increase rent of $119 a year

Art. 12 To see what sum of money the District will raise for paying the increase rent or moving Engine House and purchasing lot for same

Art. 13 To see what disposition the District will take in regard to the old hand tub

The Dog that was owned by Wm. G. Cox and for a number of years was a familiar sight to the people of Meredith as being a constant companion with Mr. Cox on the ice cart, has passed to the great beyond and will be missed by many. He was an animal of unusual intelligence and was greatly beloved. The dog went by the name of Rover.

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This handsome Theatre was opened the past year, its chief owner and promoter being Mr Chas. H. Ballard, a native of Meredith, and brother of Mr. W. W. Ballard of the Ballard House. Mr. Ballard has been located in Boston for about 30 years.

He is desirous of having the Readers of this Paper cut out this Announcement and present at the door of the Theatre any afternoon or evening when they will be given a Free Admission Ticket.

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Open Letter to the People of Meredith

You must excuse us this week if you don't get the best of service for we are very busy taking stock.

As many of you know, Mr. A. T. Dickinson will assume the active management of our store on April 1st. Mr. Dickinson realizes that his success depends very largely upon your cooperation. He has been a good observer as he has been around the country and he finds the live towns are those where there are good stores and those stores are supported by their home people. He thinks there is a first-class field in Meredith for more business to be done in Dry Goods, Clothing Furnishings, etc. With this in view he will put in a New, Fresh Stock of these lines very shortly and depends upon your patronizing him, rather than going elsewhere to purchase. We have given him "Carte Blanche" to make such changes as will improve our business, imposing one condition however and that is that he must pay spot cash for everything he buys. That has been our policy for nearly thirty years and we have found it the only way to buy at inside prices.—In order to do this, with the capital which we shall leave in the business, it will be necessary for him to sell for cash.

From April 1st the business will be strictly cash and one low price for all. Mr. Dickinson finds the successful stores all over the country have adopted this plan of doing business All goods will be marked in plain figures and you may rest assured that his prices will be the very lowest to be obtained anywhere for the same grade of Merchandise. Mr. Quimby and Mr. Beede will be out of the store more or less during the summer, for we both feel the need of a little rest. When we are there we shall be more than pleased to see our old friends and all the new ones whom we expect Mr. Dickinson to draw in.

Now one word about our Grain Business. As we mentioned in a former adv. we had arranged with Mr. Bickford to handle that at our storehouse with Mr. Ward to assist when not at the store. We have been asked to sell it to the new grain men who are soon to take the mill. We have not fully decided the matter. On general principles we are rather opposed to combinations and for this reason have continually opposed the New England Tel. Co. in their efforts to get control of the Citizen's. We will say this much, however, that we appreciate very keenly the way the people have stood by us in our grain business during the past few years and we shall not consider for a moment any move that would in any way subject our friends to unreasonable prices. Neither should we see our good man "Jim" who has served us so faithfully for nearly ten years left without a job.

JOHN W. BEEDE & CO.

March 26, 1913

The STOLEN SINGER

by MARTHA BELLINGER

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SYNOPSIS.

Agatha Redmond, opera singer, starting for an outdrive in New York, finds a stranger sent as her chauffeur. Into the car she goes into the park to read the will of an old friend of her mother, who has left her property. There she is accosted by a stranger, who follows her to the auto, climbs in and chloroforms her. James Hambleton of Lynn, Mass., witnesses the abduction of Agatha Redmond. Hambleton sees Agatha forcibly taken aboard a yacht. Arriving at Lynn and when near the yacht drops overboard. Aleck Van Camp, friend of Hambleton, had an appointment with him. Not meeting Hambleton, he makes a call upon friends, Madame Odo and Melanie Schaffer. He proposes to the latter and is refused. The three arrange to cruise that on Van Camp's yacht, the Sea Gull. Hambleton wishes to go aboard the Jeanne D'Arc, the yacht on which is Agatha Redmond. His efforts and money left have been taken from him. He meets a man who introduces himself as Monsieur Chatelard, who is really Agatha's abductor. They fight, but are interrupted by the sinking of the vessel. Monsieur and Agatha are both abandoned by the crew, who take to the boats. Hambleton and Agatha swim for hours and finally reach land. In a thoroughly exhausted condition. Recovering slightly, the pair find Hand, the chauffeur who assisted in Agatha's abduction. He agrees to help them. Jim is delirious and on the verge of death. Hand fires for help. He reports to Aleck Van Thayer, who revives Jim, and the party is cured to Charlesport, where Agatha's property is. Aleck is a friend of the brother of Agatha's benefactor. Van Camp and his party, in the Sea Gull, reach Charlesport and get tidings of the wreck of the Jeanne D'Arc. They find Jim on the verge of death and Agatha in despair.

CHAPTER XIII.—Continued.

"I can't go in—I can't bear to see him so ill," she whispered; and as Aleck looked at her before entering the sick-room, he saw that her eyes were filled with tears.

Agatha went back to her couch, feeling that the heavens had opened. Here was a friend come to her from she knew not where, whose right it was to assume responsibility for the sick man. He was kind and good, and he loved her rescuer with the boyish devotion of their school-days. He would surely help; he would work with her to keep death away. Whatever love and professional skill could do, should be done; there had been no question as to that, of course, from the beginning. But here was some one who would double, yes, more than double her own efforts; some one who was strong and well and capable. Her heart was thankful.

Before Aleck returned from the sick-room, Doctor Thayer's step sounded on the stairs, followed by the mildly complaining voice of Sallie Kingsbury. Presently the two men were in a low-voiced conference in the hall. Agatha waited while they talked, feeling grateful afresh that Doctor Thayer's grim professional wisdom was to be reinforced by Mr. Van Camp's resources. When the doctor entered Agatha's room, her face had almost the natural flush of health.

"Ah, Miss Agatha Redmond"—the doctor addressed frequently to address her by her full name, half with affectionate deference and half with some dry sense of humor peculiar to himself—"Miss Agatha Redmond, so you're beginning to pick up! A good thing, too, for I don't want two patients in one house like the one out yonder. He's a very sick man, Miss Agatha."

"I know, doctor. I have seen him grow worse, hour by hour, even since we came. What can be done?"

"He needs special nursing now, and your man in there will be worn out presently."

"Oh, that can be managed. Send to Portland, to Boston, or somewhere. We can get a nurse here soon. Do not spare any trouble, doctor. I can arrange—"

Doctor Thayer squared himself and passed slowly up and down Agatha's room. He did not reply at once, and when he did, it was with one of his characteristic turns toward an apparently irrelevant topic.

"Have you seen Sister Susan?" he inquired, stopping by the side of Agatha's couch and looking down on her with his shrewd gaze. It was a needless question, for he knew that Agatha had not seen Mrs. Stoddard. She had been too weak and ill to see anybody. Agatha shook her head.

"Well, Miss Agatha Redmond, Susan's the nurse we need for that young gentleman over there. It's a constant care he must have now and at night; and if he gets well, it will be good nursing that does it. There isn't a nurse in this country like Susan, when she once takes hold of a case. That Mr. Hand in there is all right, but he can't sit up much longer night and day, as he has been doing. He isn't a woman. Don't know why it is, but the Lord seems bent on throwing sick men into women's hands—as if they weren't more than a match for us when we're well!"

Agatha's humorous smile rewarded the doctor's grim comments, if that was what he wanted.

"No, doctor," she said, with a fleeting touch of her old lightness, "we're never a match for you. We may entertain you or nurse you or feed you, or possibly once in a century or two inspire you; but we're never a match for you."

"For which Heaven be praised!" ejaculated the doctor fervently.

Agatha watched him as he fumbled nervously about the room or clasped his hands behind him under his long coat-tails. The greenish-black frock-coat hung untidily upon him, and his white fringe of hair was anything but smooth. She perceived that something other than medical problems troubled him.

"Would your sister—would Mrs. Stoddard—be willing to come here to take care of Mr. Hambleton?" she ventured.

"Ask me that," snapped the doctor, "when no man on earth could tell whether she'll come or not. She says she won't. She's hurt and she's outraged; or at least she thinks she is. But if you could get her to think that it was her duty to take care of that poor boy in there, she'd come fast enough."

Agatha was puzzled. She felt as if there were a dozen ways to turn and only one way that would lead her aright; and she could not find the clue to that one right way. At last she attacked the doctor boldly.

"Tell me, Doctor Thayer," she said earnestly, "just what it is that causes Mrs. Stoddard to feel hurt and outraged. Is it simply because I have inherited the money and the house? She can not possibly know anything about me personally."

The old doctor thrust his under jaw out more belligerently than ever, while turning on his answer over in his mind. He took two lengths of the room before stopping again in Agatha's side and looking down on her.

"She says it isn't the money, but that it's the slight Hercules put upon her for leaving the house, out—old home, out of the family. That's one thing; but that isn't the worst. Susan's orthodox, you know, very orthodox; and she has a prejudice against your profession—serving Satan, she calls it. She thinks that's what actresses and opera singers do, though how she knows anything about it, I don't see."

The grim smile shone in the doctor's eyes once more. He looked half anxiously, to see how Agatha was taking his explanation of Mrs. Stoddard's attitude. Agatha meditated a moment.

"If it's merely a prejudice in the abstract against my being an opera singer, I think she will overcome that. Besides, Mr. Hambleton is neither an actor nor an opera singer; he isn't 'serving Satan.'"

"Well—" the doctor hesitated, and then went on hastily, with a great show of irritation, "Susan's a little set in her views. She disapproves of the way you came here; says you shouldn't have been out in a boat with two men, and that it's a judgment for sin, your being drowned, or next door to it. I'm only saying this, my dear Miss Agatha, to explain to you why Susan—"

But Agatha was enlightened at last, and roused sufficient to cause two red spots, brighter than they had ever been in health, to burn on her cheeks. She sat up very straight, facing Doctor Thayer's worried gaze, and interrupted him in tones ringing with anger.

"Do you mean to tell me, Doctor Thayer, that your sister, the sister of my mother's lifelong friend, sits in her house and imagines such scandalous stories about me, when she knows nothing at all about the facts or about me? That she thinks I was out in a boat alone with two men? That she is mean enough to condemn me with out knowing the first thing about the awful accident? Oh, I have no words!" And Agatha covered her burning face with her hands, unable, by mere speech, to express her outraged feelings. Doctor Thayer edged uneasily about Agatha's couch, with a manner resembling that of a whipped dog.

"Why, my dear Miss Agatha, Susan will come round in time. She's not so bad, really. She'll come round in time, only just now we haven't any time to spare. Don't feel so badly; Susan is too set in her views—"

"Set!" cried Agatha. "She's a horrid, unchristian woman!"

"Oh, no," remonstrated the doctor. "Susan's all right, when you once get used to her. She's a trifle old-fashioned in her views—"

But Agatha was not listening to the doctor's feeble justification of Susan. She was thinking hard.

"Doctor Thayer," she urged, "do you want that woman to come here to take care of Mr. Hambleton? Isn't there any one else in this whole countryside who can nurse a sick man? Why, I can do it myself; or Mr. Van Camp, his cousin, could do it. Why should you want her, of all people, when she feels so toward us?"

The moment his professional judgment came into question Doctor Thayer slipped out from the cloud of embarrassment which had engulfed him in his recent conversation, and assumed the authoritative voice that Agatha had first heard.

"My dear Miss Agatha Redmond, that is foolish talk. You are half sick, even now; and it requires a strong person, with no nerves, to do what I desire done. Mr. Van Camp may be his cousin, but the chances are that he wouldn't know a bromide from a blister; and good nurses don't grow on bushes in Hilon, nor in Charlesport, either. There isn't one to be had, so far as I know, and we can't wait to send to Augusta or Portland. The next few days, especially the next twenty-four hours, are critical."

Agatha listened intently, and a growing resolution shone in her eyes.

"Would Mrs. Stoddard come, if it were not for what you said—about me?" she asked.

"The Lord only knows, but I think she would," replied the poor, harassed doctor. "She's always been a regular Dorcas in this neighborhood."

"Dorcas!" cried Agatha, her anger again flaring up. "I should say Sapphira."

"Oh, now, Susan isn't so bad, when you once know her," urged the doctor.

Agatha got up and went to the window, trailing her traveling rug after her. "She shall come—I'll bring her. And sometime she shall mend her words about me—but that can wait. If she will only help to save James Hambleton's life now! Where does she live?" Suddenly, as she stood at the window, she saw an opportunity. "There's Little Simon down there now under the trees; and his buggy must be somewhere near. Will you stay here, Doctor Thayer, with Mr. Hambleton, while I go to see your sister?"

"Hadn't I better drive you over to see Susan myself?" feebly suggested the doctor.

"No, I'll go alone." There was anger, determination, gunpowder in Agatha's voice.

"But mind you, don't offer her any money," the doctor warned, as he watched her go down the hall and disappear for an instant in the bedroom where James Hambleton lay. She came back, immediately, and without a word passed down the stairway, opened the dining-room door, and called softly to Sallie Kingsbury.

Doctor Thayer returned to the sick-room. Ten minutes later he heard the wheels of Little Simon's buggy rolling rapidly up the road in the direction of Susan Stoddard's place.

CHAPTER XIV.

Susan Stoddard's Prayer.

There was a wide porch, spotlessly scrubbed, along the front of the house, and two hydrangeas blooming gorgeously in tubs, one on either side of the walk. The house looked new and modern, shiny with paint and furnished with all the conveniences offered by the relentless progress of our day.

Little Simon had informed Agatha, during their short drive, that Deacon Stoddard had achieved this "residence" shortly before his death; and his tone implied that it was the pride of the town, its real treasure. Even to Agatha's absorbed and preoccupied mind it presented a striking contrast to the old red house, which had received her so graciously into its spacious comfort. She marveled that anything so fresh and modish as the house before her could have come into being in the old town. It was next to a certainty that there was a model laundry with set tubs beyond the kitchen, and equally sure that no old horsehair lounge subtly invited the wearied traveler to rest.

A cool draft came through the screen door. Within, it was cleaner than anything Agatha had ever seen. The stair-rail glistened, the polished floors shone. A neat bouquet of sweet peas stood exactly in the center of a mahogany stand; the rug was exactly in the middle of a shiny, waxed table. The very door-mat was brand new; Agatha would never have thought of wiping her shoes on it.

Agatha's ring was answered by a half-grown girl, who looked scared when she saw a stranger at the door. Agatha walked into the parlor, in spite of the girl's hesitation in inviting her, and directed her to say to Mrs. Stoddard that Miss Redmond, from the old red house, wished particularly to see her. The girl's face assumed an expression of intelligent and ecstatic curiosity.

"Oh!" she breathed. Then, "She's putting up plums, but she can come out in a few minutes." She could not go without lingering to look at Agatha, her wide-eyed gaze taking note of her hair, her dress, her hands, her face. As Agatha became conscious of the ingenuous inspection to which she was subjected, she smiled at the girl—one of her old, radiant, friendly smiles.

"Run now, and tell Mrs. Stoddard, there's a good child! And sometime you must come to see me at the red house; will you?"

The girl's face lighted up as if the sun had come through a cloud. She smiled at Agatha in return, with a "Yes" under her breath. Thus are slaves made.

Left alone in the cool, dim parlor, so orderly and spotless, Agatha had a presentiment of the prejudice of class and of religion against which she was about to arrow herself. Susan Stoddard's fanaticism was not merely that of an individual; it represented the stored-up strength of hardy, conscience-driven generations. The Stoddards might build themselves houses with model laundries, but they did not necessarily transfer their real treasure from the incorruptible kingdom. If they were not ruled by aesthetic ideals, neither were they governed by thoughts of worldly display. This fragrant, clean room bespoke character and family history. Agatha found herself absently looking down at a white wax cross, entwined with wax flowers, standing under a glass on the center-table. It was a strange piece of handicraft. Its whiteness was suggestive of death, not life, and the curving leaves and petals, through which the vital sap once flowed, were beautiful no longer, now that their day of tender freshness was so inappropriately prolonged. As Agatha, with mind aloof, wondered vaguely at the laborious patience exhibited in the work, her eye caught sight of an inscription molded in the wax pedestal: "Brother." Her mind was sharply brought back from the impersonal region of speculation. What she saw was not merely a sentimental, misguided attempt at art; it was Susan Stoddard's memorial of her brother, Hercules Thayer—the man who had so unexpectedly influenced Agatha's own life. To Susan Stoddard this wax cross was the symbol of the companionship of childhood and of all the sweet and bitter involved in the inexplicable bond of blood relationship. Agatha felt more kindly toward her because of this mute, fantastic memorial. She looked up almost with her characteristic friendly smile as she heard slow, steady steps coming down the hall.

The eyes that returned Agatha's look were not smiling, though they did not look unkind. They gazed, without embarrassment, but without pride, into Agatha's face for a moment, then fell, at once covered and veiled, as if in deference to the wishes of the woman who stood before her. Susan Stoddard was a thick-set woman, rather short, looking toward sixty, with iron-gray hair parted in the middle and drawn back in an old-fashioned, pretty way.

It was to the credit of Mrs. Stoddard's breeding that she took no notice of Agatha's peculiar dress, unguited as it was to any place but the bedroom, even in the morning. Mrs. Stoddard herself was neat as a pin in a cotton gown made for utility, not beauty. She stood for an instant with her clear, untroubled gaze full upon Agatha, then drew forward a chair from its mathematical position against the wall. When she spoke, her voice was a surprise, it was so low and deep, with a resonance like that of a 'cello. It was not the voice of a young woman; it was, rather, a rare gift of age, telling how beautiful an old woman's voice could be. Moreover, it carried refinement of birth and culture, a beauty of phrase and enunciation, which would have marked her with distinction anywhere.

"How do you do, Miss Redmond?"

Agatha, standing by the table with the cross, made no movement toward the chair. She was not come face to face with Mrs. Stoddard for the purpose of social visitation, but because, in the warfare of life, she had been sent to the enemy with a message. That, at least, was Agatha's point of view. Officially, she was come to plead with Mrs. Stoddard; personally, she was hot and resentful at her unjust words. Her reply to her hostess' greeting was brief and her attitude unbending.

"I have come to ask you, Mrs. Stoddard," Agatha began, though to her chagrin, she found her voice was unsteady—"I have come personally to ask you, Mrs. Stoddard, if you will help us in caring for our friend, who is ill. Your brother, Doctor Thayer, wishes it. It is a case of life and death, maybe; and skilful nursing is difficult to find."

Agatha's hand, that rested on the table, was trembling by the time she finished her speech; she was vividly conscious of the effort that had come upon her nerves at a fresh realization of the wall of defense and resistance which she was attempting to assail. It spoke to her from Mrs. Stoddard's calm, other-worldly eyes, from serene, deep voice.

"No, Miss Redmond, that work not for me."

"But please, Mrs. Stoddard, will you not reconsider your decision? It is not for myself I ask, but for another —one who is suffering."

Mrs. Stoddard's gaze went past Agatha and rested on the white cross with the inscription, "Brother." She slowly shook her head, saying again, "No, that work is not for me. The Lord does not call me there."

As the two women stood there, with the funeral cross between them, each with her heart's burden of griefs, convictions and resentments, each recoiled, sensitively, from the other's touch. But life and the burden life imposes were too strong.

"How can you say, Mrs. Stoddard, 'that work is not for me,' when there is suffering you can relieve, sickness that you can cure? I am asking a hard thing, I know; but we will help to make it as easy for you as possible for you, and we are in great need."

"Should the servants of the Lord falter in doing his work?" Mrs. Stoddard's voice intoned reverently, while she looked at Agatha with her sincere eyes. "No. He gives strength to perform his commands. But sickness and sorrow and death are on very hard; to some it is appointed for a moment's trial, to others it is the wages of sin. We can not alter the Lord's decrees."

Agatha stared at the rapt speaker with amazed eyes, and presently the anger she had felt at Doctor Thayer's words rose again within her breast, doubly strong. The doctor had given but a feeble version of the judgment; here was the real voice hurling anathema, as did the prophets of old. But even as she listened, she gathered all her force to combat this sword of the spirit which had so suddenly risen against her.

"You are a hard and unjust woman, to talk of the 'wages of sin.' What do you know of my life, or of him who is sick over at the red house? Who are you, to sit in judgment upon us?"

"I am the humblest of his servants," replied Susan Stoddard, and there was no shadow of hypocrisy in her tones. She went on, almost sorrowfully: "But we are sent to serve and obey. 'Keep ye separate and apart from the children of this world,' is his command, and I have no choice but to obey. Besides," and she looked up fearlessly into Agatha's face, "we do know about you. It is spoken of by all how you follow a wicked and worldly profession. You can't touch pitch and not be defiled. The temple must be purged and emptied of worldliness before Christ can come in."

Agatha was baffled by the very simplicity and directness of Mrs. Stoddard's words, even though she felt her own tastes might easily be turned against her. But she had no heart for argument, even if it would lead her to a marvelous triumph over her companion. "I'm sincerely sorry that not this was Mrs. Stoddard's decision," she said.

"Whatever you may think about me or about my profession, Mrs. Stoddard," she said, "you must believe me when I say that Mr. Hambleton is free from your censure and worthy of your sincerest praise. He is not an opera singer—of that I am convinced—"

Susan Stoddard here interpolated a stern "Don't you know?"

"Listen, Mrs. Stoddard!" cried Agatha in desperation. "When the yacht, the Jeanne D'Arc, began to sink, there was panic and fear everywhere. While I was climbing down into one of the smaller boats, the rope broke, and I fell into the water. I should have drowned, then and there, if he had not been for this man; for all the rest of the ship's load jumped into the boats and rowed away to save themselves. He helped me to come ashore, after I had become exhausted by swimming. He is ill and near to death, because he risked his life to save mine. Is not that a heaven-inspired act?"

Mrs. Stoddard's eyes glistened at Agatha's tale, which had at last got behind the older woman's armor. But her next attack took a form that Agatha had not foreseen. In her severest voice, so suited to exhortation, she demanded:

"And what will you do with your life, now that you have been saved by the hand of God? Will you dedicate it to him, whose child you are?"

Agatha, chafing in her heart, paused a moment before she answered:

"My life has not been without its tests of faith and of conscience, Mrs. Stoddard; and who of us does not wish, with the deepest yearning, to know the right and to do it?"

"Knowledge comes from the Lord," came Mrs. Stoddard's words, like an antiphonal response in the litany.

"My way has been different from yours; and it is a way that would be difficult for you to understand, possibly. But you shall not condemn me without reason."

"Are you going to marry that man you have been living with these many days?" was the next stern inquiry.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

An honest man is not a mere animal; he knows right from wrong, and loves the right.

Nogi Ordered to Marry

Japanese Hero Took Bride Practically at the Command of His Superior Officer.

The Countess Nogi was a woman no less remarkable in many ways than her famous husband. The circumstances of her marriage with Nogi, when he was a brilliant young officer, are unusual in the extreme, especially in Japan.

She was the daughter of Sadayoki Yoji, and one day she was sitting in the window of her father's house in Tokyo watching the troops march past, when she saw a gallant young officer in command and immediately fell in love with him. Her father found it out and found out who the officer was, and later Nogi was approached to bring about a match.

He would not hear of it, as he had dedicated his life to the nation and did not intend to marry. But the young lady would not endure this attitude, and her father approached one of the high officers, a superior of Nogi's, and this officer fell in with the idea at once, saying the match would be most suitable and it was just what Nogi should do.

The word was given from above to the young officer, and Nogi practically married Miss Yoji at the command of his superior officer. The union turned out to be an ideal one, as the subsequent history of the pair and their two brave sons has proved. The Count and Countess Nogi are regarded by the nation as the most exemplary couple that could be found anywhere. She was every inch as much a Samurai as he was.—Tokyo correspondence of London Standard.

College Girls.

First of all the girl who goes to college must remember that the initial impression that she makes determines very largely her happiness or unhappiness for the first few weeks. Above all things, she should not arrive in an elaborately trimmed suit, a bepluméd hat and pumps. Such things may be suitable for rare occasions at home, but they find practically no place in the outdoor wardrobe of the well-bred college woman. The plain tailored suit cut on good lines, a tailored hat to match and neat shoes create an impression of quiet good taste and appropriateness. This keynote of simplicity should be recognized throughout her wardrobe. Elaborate chiffon or net waists and fussy neckwear are of little value, for a college girl's room was never designed for clothes which require careful treatment and protection from dust.—Leslie's.

Smelled a Grafter.

A Boston clubman recently returned from a visit to New York City. In discussing his trip one of his friends asked him whether he had a policeman in his pocket. The clubman hesitated for a moment, seriously questioning his friend's sanity, when the latter added: "I didn't know whether you could be there a week without some grafter or other getting into your pocket."

Black Letters and White

Former Is Better Because It Can Be Read at a Greater Distance Than the Latter.

There is a tendency on the part of railroads to adopt signs with white letters on a black background, not realising that the black letter on a white background is easier to read and can be seen at a greater distance. This follows in an interesting way from the structure of the retina of the eye.

The impression of a letter at the limit of vision is received on the ends of a small bundle of nerves which convey to the brain a sort of mosaic impression. A nerve can only transmit to the brain information as to wether or not a ray of light is falling upon it, and when a nerve is partly in the light and partly in darkness the sensation is the same as though all of it was in the light.

It follows, therefore, according to the Scientific American, that all nerves on the dividing edge between any black and white area transmit the sensation of light so that all white lines and white areas appear wider and all black lines and black areas appear narrower than they really are.

Black letters grow thinner at the limit of vision and are still recognizable, while at the same distance white letters grow thicker and cannot be distinguished. There are circumstances when it is necessary to use white letters, but in such cases legibility will be improved if they are made with a thin stroke and strongly lighted. Black letters are more distinct if made with a heavy stroke.

Brief and Pointed.

That man Gabler is always looking for a chance to talk in public."

"Yes, I once heard him speak in a crowd of 4,000."

"Is that so? What did he say?"

"'Louder, please!'"

GOOD JOKES

NO ANSWER.

It was the ratherly half-past nine when girl entered the lonely father of the lover was parlor where the timid had his waiting her. The father

"Young man, his hand.

you know why I said brusquely, "do

"Y-y-yes, sir, I is?"

ened lover, as stuttered the frightbail; "I—I was scrambled into the

"After the beading to leave!"

exit, the father turned made a rapid said in astonishment the girl and

"What was the ma low? My watch has with that fellsimply wanted to know own, and I Lippincott's.

Perils of Politeness.

"It always pays to say 'Th pronounced the habitual hon you," aliet.

"I doubt it," came back the envious pessimist. "Some girl- now you doubt such a thing.

"Well, I met a man yesterday always said 'Thank you' and he almost his job by it."

"Who was he?"

"A street car conductor. When he said 'Thank you,' it gave the passengers the impression that he intended to pocket the fare. They reported him."

VALUABLE HELP.

"I understand that your wife collaborates with you?"

"Yes, her work aids me immensely."

"I don't believe I have ever seen any of her writings."

"She doesn't write; she prepares my meals."

Politely Wicked.

A bold highwayman Exclaimed: "Hip! Hip!" Each time he saw The check trip.

Well Named.

A retired naval officer passed a week end at Magnolia, Mass., where he wearied a circle of newly made friends by his never ending prattle of colorless reminiscences. After he had ordered for the night a judge advocate who had known him for some years remarked to the group:

"We call him the thirteen-inch gun."

"Why?" asked a lady from the west.

"Well, madam, he is as big a bore as we ever had in the navy."

Poor Ireland.

"There's a difference in time, you know, between this country and Europe," said a man in New York to a newly-arrived Irishman. "For instance, your friends in Cork are in bed and fast asleep by this time, while we are enjoying ourselves in the early evening."

"That's always the way," exclaimed Pat. "Ireland niver got justice yit."

Proof of True Love.

"You'd better marry Mr. Exymut," counseled the fond papa.

'Do you think he truly loves me?" asked the pretty daughter.

"I'm sure he does."

"How can you be sure when I am not?"

"I've been borrowing money from him for three months, and he keeps coming."

Had Heard Them.

"They tell me that your small boy says some unusually clever things."

"Yes, yes. Did you hear his latest?"

"Sure."

"Why, you never met him."

"True; but I've met a lot of doting fathers who invariably tell the same old tales."

So It Goes.

"Everything works in a circle in this world. One thing seems to compensate for another, so to speak."

"How, now?"

"They made a college professor president. Now they are talking of making the president a college professor."

Pleasing to Papa.

Wife (to her husband as she goes out)—"Now, look after the children. Don't let them play with matches or make any noise." (To the children): "And you—watch papa. Don't let him go to the saloon!"—Fliegende Blaetter (Munich).

One at a Time.

"The head of the Krupp steel works has 68,000 employes."

"Nothing to brag of," opined the hbusewife. "I've had that many in my kitchen, but not all at once."

Tenacious Tradition.

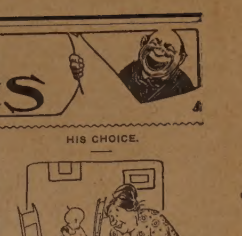
"The early Romans were as great in war as the modern Italians are in music."

"Perhaps," said the impresario, "that accounts for the fact that you can't hope to have grand opera and peace in the same theater."

A Mistake Somewhere.

Hubby—Of course, dear, it's only a rough idea of mine; but do you think it's possible that there's ever such a thing as a printer's error in that cookery manual of yours?

HIS CHOICE.



Mamma—Jimmie, your little brother has the smaller apple. Did you give him his choice?

Jimmie—Yes'm. I told him he could take his choice—the little one or none—and so he took the little one.

Not One.

No man e'er sought
The "right" in crime sublime,
Whose only thought
Was killing time.

His Inference.

Lecturer—All statistics prove that the bl de woman is more difficult to get alon with than the brunette.

Astonished Man in the Audience (starting th—Are you certain of that fact?

Lecturer—I is a fact.

Astonished Man—Then I believe my wife's black hair is dyed.

Bearing Burdens.

"Where have you been, Mary Ann?"

"I've been to the Girls' Improvement class, ma'am," was the maid's reply.

"Well, what did the curate say to you? Did you tell him who your mistress was?"

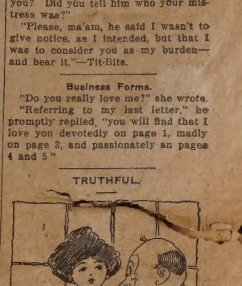
"Please, ma'am, he said I wasn't to give notice, as I intended, but that I was to consider you as my burden—and bear it."—Tit-Bits.

Business Forms.

"Do you really love me?" she wrote.

"Referring to my last letter," he promptly replied, "you will find that I love you devotedly on page 1, madly on page 3, and passionately an pages 4 and 5."

TRUTHFUL.



Miss Askit—Doctor, is it dangerous to the brain to bleach one's hair?

Dr. Emdee—Yes; it's likely to make one light-headed.

Her Number.

Twinkle, twinkle little star,
Young and fair you seem to be.
Yet I cannot know you are
Very close on forty-three.

Ideal Match.

Pecunious Father—So you dare to say you are an ideal match for my daughter?

Impecunious Youth—I do, indeed, sir!

Pecunious Father—Why, you have never earned a dollar in your life.

Impecunious Youth—Neither has she.

She Came Back.

Pretty Waitress—What makes you look so miserable, sir?

Customer—Why, to tell you the truth, the wife ran away last night.

Pretty Waitress—I shouldn't take on about that if I were you.

Customer—I don't; but she came back again this morning.

Wider Field.

What has become of that bill collector you used to have?"

"He's not her any more."

"I didn't think you would ever let him go. He was too good at getting the coin."

"He was good at getting money out of people. So good that a big college elected him president."

Not a Hopeful Outlook.

"Well, you have one consolation, even if it is costing you a lot to have your son educated, in a little while he will be able to get along without your help."

"No, that's what's worrying me. You see, he's going to be a preacher."

Rather Fresh.

Joe—For my part, I think women are the salt of the earth.

Mae—Guess you're right, when you consider the number of men they have driven to drink.

Too Much to One.

Wife (reproachfully)—And just think! I could have married three of the richest men in town.

Hub—Why didn't you? All three of them might be able to buy your dresses.

Reverse English.

"Klacker uses the touch system of typewriting, doesn't he?"

"I don't know about that, but I know he uses the typewriter system of touching. All his begging letters to me are typewritten."

Mistake.

Bobby was saying his prayers in a very low voice.

"I can't hear you, dear," his mother whispered.

"I wasn't talking to you," replied Bobby, firmly.—Harper's Magazine.

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PIMPLES IN BLOTCHES

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"When I bathed they became inflamed. I treated for them but instead of getting better I became worse, and by this time my disease became so bad that I could not sleep or eat. Finally when I began to despair of getting better a friend told me to try Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I sent for samples and used them. I took a hot bath, using Cuticura Soap, and then applied the Cuticura Ointment to the affected parts before going to bed. When I woke up the next morning the itching had stopped. Within three weeks I had no sign of a pimple. I was entirely cured." (Signed) E. Marks, Dec. 16, 1911.

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Modest.

A clerical-looking gentleman, in the hope of obtaining a contribution, entered the office of a newspaper and finding the editor in, began:

"I am soliciting aid for a gentleman of refinement and intelligence who is in need of a little ready money, but is too proud to make known his sufferings.

"Why!" exclaimed the editor, "I'm the only man I've known answering that description. What's the gentleman's name?"

"I'm sorry to say I am not at liberty to disclose it."

"It must be me, parson. Heaven prosper you in your good work," said the editor, wiping away a tear.

Warranted in Using Cuss Words.

A small boy in Fort Scott was out playing with his wagon one day and just at the critical moment one wheel came off. The youngster walked around the wagon several times and surveyed it with the air of one accustomed to disappointments. As he dragged the wagon to his home he met a boy friend who joined him, and together they trudged on, the Fort Scott Tribune says. The owner of the wagon sat on the front step with a for lorn look; then quickly brightening up he exclaimed: "Let's cuss." "All right," returned the other, "Cuss, cuss, cuss."—Kansas City Star.

Matter Easily Explained.

Two lawyers met on the street. "I've been wondering about you," said one. "What were you wondering about me?" "Well, I've heard you address a jury and I wondered what you were the most eloquent man in Cleveland. Then I've heard you make an after-dinner speech at a banquet and you were—pardon me—pretty rotten. Now, how is that?" "I'll tell you. When I'm talking to a jury my dinner depends on my speech. When I'm talking to a bunch of diners I've already had my dinner."

Purely Accidental.

"Had any accident on this road lately?" asked the traveler.

"Yep," replied the man who hangs around the station. "Three trains came in on time last week."

THE KNOW HOW

To Feed Children and Get Good Results.

There are more nervous persons made so by undigested food lying in the stomach than the average individual would suppose.

If food remains undigested in the stomach, it begins to ferment, set up gas and a large portion is thus converted into poison.

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"There's a Reason."

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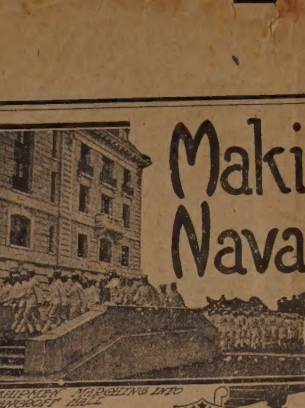
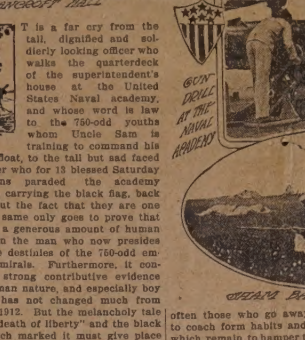
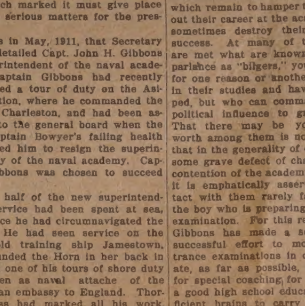


MIDSHIPMEN STRAGGLING INTO ANNAPOLIS



"GUN DRILL" AT THE NAVAL ACADEMY



SHAM BATTLE AT THE NAVAL ACADEMY

IT is a far cry from the tall, dignified and soldierly looking officer who walks the quarterdeck of the superintendent's house at the United States Naval academy, and whose word is law to the 750-odd youths whom Uncle Sam is training to command his forces afloat, to the tall but sad faced youngster who for 13 blessed Saturday afternoons paraded the academy grounds, carrying the black flag, back in '78, but the fact that they are one and the same only goes to prove that there is a generous amount of human nature in the man who now presides over the destinies of the 750-odd embryo admirals. Furthermore, it constitutes strong contributive evidence that human nature, and especially boy nature, has not changed much from 1878 to 1912. But the melancholy fate of "the death of liberty" and the black flag which marked it must give place to more serious matters for the present.

It was in May, 1911, that Secretary Meyer detailed Capt. John H. Gibbons as superintendent of the naval academy. Captain Gibbons had recently completed a tour of duty on the Asiatic station, where he commanded the cruiser Charleston, and had been assigned to the general board when the late Captain Bowyer's failing health compelled him to resign to the superintendency of the naval academy. Captain Gibbons was chosen to succeed him.

Fully half of the new superintendent's service had been spent at sea, and twice he had circumnavigated the globe. He had seen service on the little old training ship Jamestown, and rounded the Horn in her back in '83, and one of his tours of shore duty had been as naval attache of the American embassy to England. Thoroughness had marked all his work. His courtliness of manner had won for him, almost back of his "plebe" days, the sobriquet of "Marquis de Gibbons," and, above all, he was imbued with the spirit of the navy. It is not surprising that his selection as such have been greeted with expressions of approval from all who knew him well.

Neither is it surprising that all he has achieved and sought to achieve as superintendent of that educational institution, which was awarded the gold medal at the Paris exposition as the finest governmental educational institution in the world, should have been of a nature to commend itself to popular as well as to professional approval.

It is not necessary to talk to Captain Gibbons to perceive that he takes his work seriously, but when one does talk to him and hears him modestly discuss his aims and aspirations for the academy which is so dear to his heart one is impressed with the full measure of thought and study and, perhaps, earnest worry which this predetermined man is giving to the most important work in the navy. Poor ships may be made to give a fairly good account of themselves in the hands of skilful officers, but the best ships can accomplish nothing if they are not well commanded. Moreover, on the brains and skill and energy of the young men now being trained at the naval academy must depend the future efficiency of the fleet, for on them will fall the responsibility of directing it as well as fighting the navy of the future.

Five distinct reforms has Captain Gibbons set himself to achieve during his present tour of duty. These are (1) the facilitation of admission of candidates; (2) the simplification of the curriculum; (3) the substitution of naval officers for civilian teachers wherever practicable; (4) the absolute elimination of hazing, and (5) the "dignification," if the coining of a word be allowed, of the first class.

Sad experience—for every occasion for severe discipline is an occasion of sadness to Captain Gibbons—has taught the evils of the training or coaching schools for candidates for the academy, especially those which involve absence from home and absence free alike from the influences of the home and the restrains of military discipline. Boys preparing for their entrance examinations are usually young and impressionable, and too often these who go away from home to coach form habits and associations which remain to hamper them throughout their career at the academy, which sometimes destroy their chances of success. At many of these schools are met what are known in academy parlance as "bilgers," young men who for one reason or another have failed in their studies and have been dropped, but who can command sufficient political influence to grain re-entry. That there may be young men of worth among them is not denied, but that is the generality of cases there is some grave defect of character is the contention of the academy faculty, and it is emphatically asserted that contact with them rarely fails to injure the boy who is preparing for his initial examination. For this reason Captain Gibbons has made a serious and a successful effort to modify the entrance examinations in order to obviate, as far as possible, the necessity for special coaching for the boy with a good high school education and sufficient mentality to carry him through once he gains admission.

Second chronologically, but not in importance among the changes which Captain Gibbons is effecting in the curriculum of the academy. The comparatively modern naval warfare as compared with that of a former generation, the intricacies of the modern battleship as compared with the sailing frigate of the early part of the last century, must be apparent to the veriest tyro. And with this development came increases in and complication of the academy curriculum. In the effort to turn out midshipmen proficient in all the phases of duty they would be called upon to perform there has been an ever increasing danger that, like the proverbial jack of all trades, they would be master of none. The importance of a change of system was obvious to those who gave the subject sufficient serious consideration. The first step toward correcting the evil was necessarily in the direction of specialization. There were no superfluous subjects, therefore provision must be made for special training in the subjects eliminated after graduation. Some progress along that line had already been made, but now a post graduate school has been established at Annapolis and a systematic and varied course provided. Captain Gibbons has been made head of the more advanced school, as he is of the Naval academy.

The entrance examination has been somewhat simplified by the elimination of world's history and in some minor details. The first year's work has been made more elementary and is better designed to afford asubstantial basis for subsequent education. The practice of sending the first and second classes to sea with the fleet instead of on school ships during the summer months, in order that they may have an opportunity to apply their knowledge and to supplement theoretical experience, has been adopted, and the more advanced features, such as tactics, law and constructive and designing technical work, have been either eliminated or abridged, with a view to their further pursuit after graduation.

The post-graduate course will, in the main, be preceded by three years of sea service and qualification for the grade of junior lieutenant. For the present the course will include ordnance and gunnery, marine engineering, electrical engineering, radio-telegraphy, naval construction and civil engineering.

An immediate occasion of some, at least, of the changes in the curriculum, etc., was the enactment of congress providing that midshipmen should be commissioned as ensigns on the completion of their four years' course at the Naval academy, instead of being carried as passed midshipmen for two years before attaining the grade of ensign.

Captain Gibbons is convinced that no influence is so beneficial to the young men at the academy as association with officers of the navy, from whom, he believes, they will, even unconsciously, absorb much of that spirit which has made the navy always the pride of Americans and the admiration of the military world. It is to that end that he would, where it can be done without detriment to the academy, substitute officers for civilian teachers. In some degree this is getting back to the custom which prevailed when he was himself a midshipman, or, rather, a cadet, as they were termed in those days, the cadet becoming a midshipman only after graduating from the academy.

The brigade was far smaller than it is today. Officers were more numerous in proportion to the demands of the fleet than they have been for a considerable time, and small classes with numerous officer instructors were the rule. To the good influence of the instructors with whom he came in contact Captain Gibbons is ever ready to testify. This does not mean, of course, that the superintendent contemplates substituting officers for the instructors in foreign languages—termed "dago" by the midshipmen—or that he would seriously impair the efficiency of the instructing body to carry out his theory, but he does believe that the more the midshipmen can be brought in contact with naval officers the more thoroughly they will be fitted for their vocation, and he would even sacrifice something of pedagogic proficiency to gain such association.

For the practice of hazing, or even "running," which is the term given by the midshipmen to the milder forms of that delectable pastime, Captain Gibbons has little toleration. Congress has forbidden all forms of hazing, and that alone, in the eyes of the superintendent, makes it his duty to stamp out the practice. And it is safe to say that he has done more to achieve this end than any of his predecessors. He has visited swift and summary justice on those found guilty of disobeying the law and the regulations in this respect.

In summarizing the aims of Captain Gibbons, reference was made to the "dignification" of the first class, that is, the graduating class. It is a part of the superintendent's policy to enhance the standing of that class in the eyes of their fellow-midshipmen in all ways possible and at the same time to impose on first class men additional responsibilities, making them in large degree accountable for the enforcement of discipline, and, precisely as from among their number are chosen the officers of the brigade, still further to fit them for the duties of command for which they are being trained, while incidentally they render valuable assistance by way of example and control in governing the younger midshipmen.

HE SAVED WOULD-BE SUICIDE

Absentmindedness, which has done some very rash things in its universal career, was the alchemy that nearly turned a would-be suicide into just a suicide here.

Harry Such, after the usual fight with his wife, decided to go to the place where wives and marriages are reputed not to be, which ought to be a fine place. He tied a few yards of clothesline around his neck and jumped off a chair. John Korem, who roams on the floor above, felt the jar, and hustled downstairs. He is one of those absentminded men who put their clothes in bed and go to sleep in the wardrobe. Therefore, instead of cutting the rope with a knife, he searched leisurely around for a saw, and then—sawed down the beam. It is hard to say what Such thought of the delay, but he must have been mad, for he was blue in the face when Koren finally released the rope. When resuscitated he asked if he still wanted to die. He turned a savage eye toward Koren and muttered:

"Not yet; not until I get even with that absentminded duck!"—South Norwalk (Conn.) Dispatch to Philadelphia Record.

Truth crushed to earth will rise again, but on the other hand a lie, under the same conditions, doesn't have its anchor fast in the mud, either.

Outwitting Chancery.

A strange story of "corpse reviving" to save legal fees, has just leaked out in Paris. The late Duc de D——, the most popular figure of clubland in the French capital "died" last June at ten o'clock in the evening. His younger son was due to be of age at midnight. For the sake of two hours, the younger son, being still an "infant," it seemed as if the whole of the duke's estate would have to go, so to speak, into chancery. The legal advisers of the family, who were by the bedside, had heard of the recent theories of "artificial life." They pointed out to the doctors the awful legal consequences of the duke's death before midnight. Powerful hypodermic injections were resorted to. The heart began to beat again, the temperature of the body went up, breathing was restored. In fact, the body came back to "life," and in this state it was kept until a quarter of an hour after midnight. A magistrate had been called to the house to see to the interests of the "infant ward," and witness the revival from seeming death to life.

In Society.

Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, who is now the leading hostess of America, is noted for her epigrams. Her latest epigram to be quoted in New York was a remark which she addressed to a young matron, who is at the same time ultra-exclusive and ultra-sharp-tongued. "My dear," said Mrs. Fish to this young woman, "pick your company—but don't pick them to pieces."

NEWS for the YOUNG PEOPLE

THE FATE OF SMARTY SOL-BEAR

By CALEB S. WHITFORD.

"Hello, there, little bear, you appear to be working mighty hard for your supper. Excuse me for calling you little bear, you was all humped up so catching bugs you looked like a little bear, but when you come to straighten up I see you're a middle-size bear, almost as big as I am. But tell me, what's your name?"

"My Daddy calls me Billy Bear because he says I'm always busy hunting like Old Billy the hunter was who used to live and hunt in this bottom."

"I might as well tell you my name. My Dad calls me Sol, because he says I am a very wise bear. Old Solomon. Dad says, was the wisest man in the world."

"Well, Mr. Solomon——"

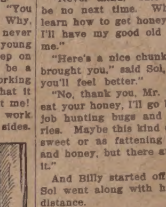
"Don't call me Solomon. Call me Sol. It's more friendly like."

"All right, Sol. I was going to tell you that my Daddy is one of the wisest bears in this canebrake bottom, although he don't pretend to know very much, and he always told me not to get too friendly with bears that pretend to be so wise."

"Surely you're not afraid to have a chat with a sociable bear like me. I've seen more of the world than you have and can tell you a lot of things worth knowing. For instance, here you are working yourself almost to death to get a poor meal of bugs and nuts and berries."

"Yes, it's pretty hard work," said Billy. "But my Daddy has lived to a good old age in this bottom here, and he often told me that the only safe way is to work hard for a living."

"Ha! Ha! Ha!" laughed Sol. "You talk like a little baby bear. Why, Billy, your father is old and never learned the tricks some of us young bears have learned. If you keep on like you are doing now you'll be a poor, lean, half-starved bear working all night and never knowing what it is to have a good meal. Look at me! I'm rolling fat, and yet I don't work as hard as you do. Just feel my sides.



Thousands of Bees Were Stinging Him.

See how sleek my coat is! Do you feel that big lump in my stomach? That's a nice lamb I had for supper! When I met you I was on my way to get some honey. I always like to have something sweet after I have eaten a big meal."

"Honey! Honey!" said Billy. "I often heard my old Daddy talk about eating honey. Can I go with you and get a taste of honey? I never ate any in all my life."

"Come along with me, and on our way I'll tell you all about it."

So the two bears walked leisurely along through the bottom, and out into the big woods on the higher ground.

"I told you," said Sol, "I was a wise bear. I work with my head, thinking about schemes to get a good living without much labor.

"When I am out in the woods and see a little bee flying along as fast as he can go on a straight line, I know he is going home with a load of honey. I get his course and follow along after him. Pretty soon another bee will come flying along in the same direction, going home with his load of honey, and so I keep following the bees until I come to the honey tree where the bees live. This tree we are going to now I found yesterday while I was taking a little walk through the woods."

By this time they had come to the honey tree and Sol pointed it out to Billy.

"Do you see that big hole away up by that big limb?" said Sol. "That's where the bees live. There is a lot of honey in that old hollow tree, and we'll get just all we want of it.

"I'll go up and pull the big chunks of honeycomb, filled with honey, out of the tree and throw it down to the ground. While I'm doing that you can keep watch." And Sol strutted off to the tree, put his arms around the trunk and pretended he was trying to climb up and get the honey.

"My! My!—I am getting so fat, and I've eaten so much I'm afraid I can't climb that tree tonight."

"I'll go up there," said Billy. "That's easy for me."

And Sol put his paw to his mouth and chuckled, because he never had any notion of going up that tree.

"Just put your paw in the hole, Billy, pull out the honeycomb and then come down and have the sweetest supper you ever had in your life."

Billy was up to the hole in a few moments, peering in and licking his chops.

Sol sat back in the bushes laughing. He laughed [illegible] the tears came to his [illegible] he looked up, Billy pulling [illegible] and pulled out a [illegible] honey. At the same [illegible] up the awfulest howl ever heard from a bear! Thousands of bees were all over him, peppering him with their sharp little stings! When he opened his mouth to say "Oof! oof!" the bees stung him on the tongue.

All this time he was backing down the tree as fast as he could, and all the time the busy little bees were stinging him with their little stingers that were as hot as fire. Billy scattered every sort of growl and scream and snarl that a bear ever thought of, while he was hurrying down the tree, and finally tumbled to the ground with a hard bump. He pawed the air and jumped about, shaking his head and howling, all to no purpose. Then he started to run. He went through the woods rolling like a big black ball, and he never stopped running and screaming until he got to the river.

In he plunged and under the water he went. After a while he came out, puffing and tried to find a soft place on the bank where he could lie down and rest. But no matter what side he tried to lie on there were a lot of sore spots. So he concluded to stand up and rest.

He certainly was a poor, dejected-looking bear. His lips were badly swollen, one eye was closed and the other half shut. All over his body were sore spots that felt as though they had been made of hundreds of sharp wires. All this time Sol was filling himself with the delicious honey that Billy had thrown to the ground.

"It's too bad," he said, "to laugh at that Billy Bear, but I can't help it it was so funny. Anyway, just to show him I am not altogether bad, I'll take a nice chunk of this honeycomb and go and find him."

And what a woe-begone-looking bear he saw when he came upon Billy! He tried to sympathize with the poor afflicted bear and explain how sorry he was to have permitted an inexperienced friend to tackle such a difficult job.

"Next time I'll show you how to do it without getting you into such trouble," he said.

"Never mind," said Billy, "there'll be no next time. When I want to learn how to get honey out of a tree, I'll have my good old Daddy show me."

"Here's a nice chunk of honey I've brought you," said Sol, "eat that and you'll feel better."

"No, thank you, Mr. Solomon. You eat your honey, I'll get back to my old job hunting bugs and nuts and berries. Maybe this kind of food isn't as sweet or as fattening as your lamb and honey, but there are no stings in it."

And Billy started off for home and Sol went along with him for a short distance.

"I declare," said Sol, "I am so fat and full of good things it really tires me to walk, so I'll just bid you good night and hunt up a nice bed here in the canebrake."

Billy didn't even say good-night, but kept on until [illegible]

Old Daddy bear did not scold but just laughed at him.

"Maybe," said he, "some of these smart young bears have got a way of living without work. But I notice all the bears in this bottom that live to a good old age, go right along, tending to their own business like a bear ought to do, and the smart—"

"Listen! I hear the hounds! Let's cut across the fringe of cane and get on the other side of it and see if we can get a shot. They are not too fat, and can outrun the hounds!"

On came the hounds through the woods at full cry and at a fast pace! Crossing the river, old Daddy bear and Billy Bear took a seat on a piece of high ground.

"The hounds are driving down the bottom," said Daddy Bear, "and from this place we can see them pass and then we can go on back home."

"There comes a bear down the bottom! And the hounds are pretty close to him! My, but he is a fat sleek bear!

"Why, Daddy, that's my friend the wise bear!"

"Well, it's good-bye to him, for I can see by the way that he is rolling he can't go much further! Here comes the hounds and there are the hunters right behind the pack, riding at top speed!"

"Too bad," said Billy, "I'll warrant that bear wishes he didn't have so much honey in his stomach! And if that lamb he had for supper was back from the pasture he might run away from the hounds!"

"He's done for," said Daddy Bear, "the hounds have him at bay! No more lamb and honey for him! He's just about got time to wish he had stuck to the honest bear's business of hunting bugs and nuts and berries!"

Bang! bang! went the hunter's rifle.

"There goes another bear," said old Daddy Bear, "that thought he could make a way living by fooling other bears and practicing all sorts of cunning tricks."

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Identified Himself.

A small boy with a rather lost and lonesome appearance walked into the county clerk's office at the courthouse. He gazed about him for a time and finally approached Deputy Henry Smiley. "Please, sir," the lad said timidly, "have you seen anything of a lady around here?"

"Why, yes, sonny," answered Smiley. "I've seen several."

"Well, have you seen any without a little boy?" the lad asked anxiously.

"Yes," replied Smiley.

"Well," said the little chap, as a relieved look crossed his face. "I'm the little boy. Where's the lady?"—Denver Times.

Higher Mathematics.

A little boy who goes to Wood street school strutted into the house of one of his playfellows the other day and, holding up his head proudly, announced:

"I am the best arithmetic-er in my room."

The little friend looked at him incredulously.

"Take 10 from 1,000," he commanded.

"Oh," responded his visitor, "we ain't that far along yet."—Youngstown Telegram.

NEWS OF THE GRANITE STATE

Items of Interest Culled From Here and There

FOR THE BUSY READER

Leaves Money for Y. M. C. A.—New Councillor District Lines, Students Will not Get Increase in Wages.

He Needed the Money.

West Concord.—During the absence of the family Thursday evening the residence of Alfred Larson was entered and $14.50 taken. No evidence as to how the break was effected could be found, but suspicion fell upon a young man named Henry Simpson, 16 years of age, who lived near by, and while the officers were looking for him he took a train for Gardner, Mass. When he stepped off the train there he stepped into the hands of an officer and was brought back Friday afternoon. He confessed to taking the money, and said he left a note which was found. The note read: "I need the money. Off to Boston." He was held for trial after a hearing in the juvenile court Saturday morning.

Spine was crushed, but May Recover.

Concord.—George N. Stanley of this city, a flagman on a freight running between this city and Boston, fell from the top of a caboose at Mystic Thursday afternoon and crushed his spine. His lower limbs were entirely paralyzed. The locomotive was detached and with the caboose was rushed back to Boston where the injured man was taken to the Massachusetts General hospital and an operation performed. As similar operations have been successful there it is hoped that he may recover from the injury.

Just Missed the Train.

Intervale.—A huge boulder accompanied by a mass of earth and rock crashed down upon the track of the Maine Central not far from the Willey house Friday evening. The Portland train had passed but a few minutes previously, escaping what might otherwise have been a serious disaster. The track was completely blocked, and a wrecking train was soon up from Portland to clear it.

STUDENTS GET NO WAGE INCREASE.

Hanover students employed as waiters at the Commons, the dining hall which is run by the college, recently petitioned for an increase of wages from 20 to 25 cents per hour. The matter has been considered by Controller Fairfield, who has charge of the hall, who informs the students that it is now run at a financial loss and that no increase can be allowed them.

COUNCILLOR DISTRICT LINES

Re-Arrangement of State Task of G. H. Duncan.

Concord.—The amendment to the constitution which was adopted last November requiring that population instead of wealth shall be the basis of the councillor districts of the state, will make a rearrangement of lines necessary. This is the task which George H. Duncan of Jaffrey now has before him, and in order to facilitate the work he pasted a map of the state upon a board and with a fine saw cut each town separately. He is now trying to arrange these blocks in five groups so that the towns shall be contiguous and the population equal, and is finding it some puzzle.

Has a New President.

Manchester.—The annual meeting of the New Hampshire Lumberman's association was held at Manchester on Thursday of last week, at which time Warren Tripp, for many years its president, declined a re-election. Mr. Tripp was so seriously ill for many weeks last winter at a hotel in Canaan that it was necessary he be spoiled of, and his health will not allow him to longer assume the duties of the office. The officers elected were as follows: Irving H. Chase of Plymouth, president; John H. Walker of Newmarket, vice president; Clinton Thorpe of Manchester, secretary-treasurer.

No One to Claim the Body.

Manchester.—A woman named Mary Mark was found dead in her room in Manchester one day last week and the body was taken to a local undertaking establishment. Efforts were at once made to find some friend or relative who would come forward to claim the body and her personal effects, but at last accounts had been unsuccessful.

Gives $5,000 for Free Bed.

Claremont.—The General Hospital here has just received from Mrs. Laura L. Ainsworth of Williamstown, Vt., a gift of $5,000 to perpetuate a free bed to be known as the Capt. J. E. Ainsworth free bed. Capt. Ainsworth was a native of Claremont, where he was born in 1830, and died at Williamstown in August, 1909.

In the Shoe Business.

Nashua.—Three men who were engaged in peddling shoes in this city last week were arrested by the police and booked for larceny. In addition to a suit case full of shoes they had six other pairs, and it is thought that the men stole them from a freight car.

Hollis Arrives.

Concord.—Senator Hollis arrived home from Washington Friday night and doubtless will have a busy two weeks with the office seekers.

24-HOUR LAW FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS.

Boston.—The health and efficiency of thousands of future mothers will be seriously impaired as well as present injustice done to thousands of girls now working, unless the 54-hourlawis extended to employees of the big stores, telephone companies and merchantile establishments generally, so representatives of the several powerful organizations aligned in behalf of the proposed amendment stated before the legislative committee on social welfare.

IN AID OF Y. M. C. A.

SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN CLOSES IN BERLIN.

W. W. Brown Leaves $40,000 for New Building.

Berlin.—A most brilliant and successful campaign in aid of the Y. M. C. A. was closed in Berlin last week. W. W. Brown, late president of the Berlin Mills company, in his will left a bequest of $40,000 as a nucleus for a building for the Y. M. C. A. in this city. Later six acres of land were acquired giving ample room for a quarter mile cinder track, baseball grounds, tennis court and other features. Last week it was decided to raise $75,000 in six days, and two committees were appointed one of fifty members and the other of 100. Two four and a half days of effort it was found that $85,000 had been subscribed, $10,000 more than the proposed amount, and soliciting was discontinued. It is a record seldom equalled, and a magnificent testimonial to the push and energy of the people of the paper city.

UNPLEASANT HAPPENINGS.

Thieves ransacked the apartments in Manchester of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Martin and secured about $300 in cash.

Barney Murphy, who escaped from the Stafford county house of correction last fall, was recaptured in Dover recently.

Herman Wenzel of Manchester was stabbed in the back as the result of a quarrel and Aristidaj Theodore is under arrest.

Sadie Grauer, 10 years old, of Manchester, was severely scalded by tipping over a kettle of boiling water upon herself.

The store and postoffice at Riverdale were visited by thieves one night last week, but the amount of booty secured was not large.

The Pease company of Milford has entered suit against the Boston & Maine railroad, charging that it has paid freight rates since 1904 in excess of the legal limit.

The Manchester police ambulance, called on March 16 to the suburbs to carry a man to the hospital, was stalled in the mud and the sufferer had to be borne a third of a mile on a stretcher.

The office of the Northern New England Coal company in West Manchester was visited by burglars a few nights ago, but the entire reward of the crime amounted to only about $18 in value.

Mrs. Abbie E. Chase, a Dover octogenarian, was found dead in her room and bruises on her body led to an investigation, but Medical Referee F. L. Keay decided that death was due to natural causes.

Hedding people believe that Arthur Wilmot of Seabrook, found dead near the Hedding railroad station on Feb. 22 with his throat cut, was murdered, despite the fact that all the evidence brought to light by the authorities points to suicide.

Two Fort Constitution soldiers, who took a horse and wagon in Portsmouth without leave, were chased by the owner in an automobile and the soldiers when caught received severe punishment at the hands of their irate pursuer and a friend who accompanied him.

Argue for a Deeper Channel.

Boston.—Arguments in favor of a deeper ship channel in Boston harbor were heard by a board of United States army engineers for rivers and harbors here last week. An appropriation by Congress for deepening Broad Sound channel from President Roads to the sea is held up by the refusal of the army engineers to order a survey of the proposed improvement, pending an expression of opinion from local interests. A $9,000,000 expenditure on water front improvements authorized by the state legislature also depends on the engineers' decision.

Keeps Tab on the Birds.

Livermore Falls, Me.—According to Dr. Charles H. Oakes of Livermore Falls, who keeps a record of the arrival and departure of the birds each year, the earliest arrival of robins was March 28, in 1912, while the first bluebird he saw at Livermore Falls was March 11.

Catholic Census for Bay State.

Massachusetts ranks fourth in Roman Catholic population, with 1,383,435, according to the 1913 edition of the official Catholic Directory, just out. New York is first with 2,780,629, Pennsylvania second with 1,623,353 and Illinois third with 1,460,987.

Care of Mental Delinquents.

Boston.—Governor Foss has sent to the Legislature a message demanding that provisions be made at once in compliance with the law for the care of the defective and mental delinquents of the State.

Poor Sugar Year.

Rutland, Vt.—Rutland sugar makers agree that the prospects for a very poor season in that industry. From [illegible] of sap, which should [illegible] that number of gallons [illegible] produces six.

NEW ENGLAND RAILROADS

MELLEN'S MERGER PLAN IS FAVORED.

State Board of Trade Believes in Consolidation.

Boston.—The plan of President Charles S. Mellen of the New Haven railroad system for consolidation of all railroads in New England, was spoken of favorably and co-operation by the State Board of Trade with the New Haven management was recommended by the executive council at the sixth meeting of the board at the Exchange Club.

Benjamin S. Atwood of the Whitman Board of Trade was the chief speaker on the railroad situation. He said:

"I believe the railroad interests of New England and the patrons of the railroads should line up immediately and support Mr. Mellen's plan.

The following resolution was adopted at the conclusion of Mr. Atwood's address:

"That the State Board of Trade cooperate with the management of the New Haven in order to bring about a better understanding between the public and the railroad management. By this method we believe we will get the best results from the business interests of New England."

Lepers Cost State $25,000 Each.

Boston.—Each of the dozen lepers treated at Penikese island has cost the State $15,000, and by the time they die will have cost $10,000 more, according to Edward F. McSweeney, chairman of the trustees of the Consumptives' Home, in a statement issued by him, attacking what he terms "institutionalization" in Massachusetts.

Dr. Eliot Declines Ambassadorship.

Washington.—President Wilson has heard from Dr. Charles W. Eliot, former president of Harvard College, regarding the ambassadorship to Great Britain. Dr. Eliot declines, but expresses deep appreciation of the honor. His advanced years and the expense of maintaining the American embassy at London are understood to have influenced Dr. Eliot.

Will Be Annual Fixture.

Auburn, Me.—The first convention of the Western Maine Fruit Growers Association which was concluded at Auburn recently, was a marked success and will be made an annual fixture. More than 300 orchardists from all over Maine were in attendance at the sessions.

Hypnotism in Dentistry.

North Adams.—After her husband had put her in a hypnotic state, Mrs. Guy H. Hemenway of this city was taken from her tooth in four sections. The operation was painless. Four years ago Mrs. Hemenway was hypnotized by her husband and gave birth to a baby, boy without the slightest pain.

Blacklisted By Aunt Charged.

Lynn.—Charging that she was blacklisted by her aunt when she attempted to join the Ladies' Helping Hand Society, a charitable organization of which Mrs. Martha Gilman, this city, has filed a suit for $5,000 in the Superior Court at Salem. The aunt is Mrs. Rosa Borogski, of this city.

Mellen Not to Retire.

Boston.—President Charles S. Mellen of the New Haven is not to retire, to be replaced by Howard Elliot, president of the Great Northern railroad, according to an official statement issued in contradiction to a report given widespread circulation.

Domestics to Form Labor Union.

Fitchburg.—An appeal has been made to the American Federation of Labor by domestics of Fitchburg for a union in this city whereby they can become affiliated with that organization. The domestics want better wages and better living conditions.

RECENT DEATHS.

Arthur L. Smith, for many years a manufacturer in Greenfield and the representative to the General Court from the Greenfield district in 1909, died last week at his home after a lingering illness. He was a native of Cornish, N. H.

Samuel Augustus Bigelow, head of Bigelow & Dowse Company, Boston, and dean of the hardware trade of New England died suddenly last week. He was seventy-four years old, and was born in Boston, Nov. 26, 1838.

Rt. Rev. Denis O'Callaghan, D. D., permanent rector of St. Augustine's Roman Catholic church in South Boston, died Thursday. Mgr. O'Callaghan was born in County Cork, Ire., in 1841.

Brig. Gen. John M. Bacon, U. S. A., retired, died here last week following a general breakdown in his health six months ago.

State Guarantee.

Providence, R. I.—That the Southern New England railway cannot be completed unless the state becomes second guarantors of the road's $6,000,000 bond issue is the statement made by Vice-Pres. John S. Murdock at a legislative hearing on a bill to put this plan before the people at a special election. Vice-Pres. Murdock said that the case has in a measure been prejudiced and asked the committee to give it careful consideration in all phases of the question.

Will Celebrate Its 150th.

Machias, Me.—Machias will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the town during the summer, probably in August. Definite plans have not been made but an Historical Pageant has been suggested.

Gov. Haines' Second Veto.

Augusta.—Governor Haines sent his second veto to the Legislature on the act to increase the salary of Judge Fred Emery Beane of the Kennebec County Superior Court from $2,000 to $4,000.

FIND ELECTION ERROR

MAKE THREE THOUSAND BLUNDER IN COUNTING VOTES.

Charles S. Bird and Lieut.-Gov. Walsh make Gains.

Boston.—A three thousand vote blunder in the tabulation of the votes for Charles S. Bird and Lieut.-Gov. Walsh at the last state election, as announced and declared has been discovered by some of the sharps who have been checking up the official figures.

In the case of both of these men, it seems at some stage a total of 3000 was dropped from the tabulation of what they received, and as a result all the official proclamations made so far will have to be corrected to set the facts forth.

It appears that Mr. Bird really received 125,602 votes, instead of 122,602, with which he is credited.

Lieut.-Gov. Walsh also, it would seem, is entitled to 192,719 votes, instead of the 189,719 with which he is credited in the state documents.

In short, notwithstanding the three days' canvassing of the vote by the Governor and council, and the formal proclamation of the results in the Legislature and the publication of the official documents, a genuine, old-fashioned blunder has been made, and the authorities now have the problem of working out some way to correct the records.

It may have to be done by the making of a new proclamation to the General Court, entering the same on the Journal of the House and Senate, and in addition an errata slip will have to be entered in the official documents now out.

For Closer Trade Relations.

Providence, R. I.—The Chamber of Commerce of Southern New England has been organized at a meeting here of representatives of nineteen commercial associations from various sections of the State. The new body has 102 charter members. The general object of the organization is to bring the many small associations and boards of trade into closer relationship for their mutual benefit.

Hearing on Mellen Monopoly.

Boston.—Commissioner Prouty of the Interstate Commerce Commission will probably give a hearing in Boston late in April on the Boston & Maine and New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad investigation. The inquiry will be into the consolidation and financial operations of the New York, New Haven & Hartford road will probably be completed in about a week.

Free Pass Measure Killed.

Hartford, Conn.—Governor Baldwin has vetoed as unconstitutional the Peck free pass bill. The measure would have amended the charters of all common carrier... the State so as to provide that free transportation should be furnished by them to members of the General Assembly while in attendance on the session.

Wage Rise at Westfield.

Westfield.—An increase in pay of twenty-five cents a day for seven hundred laborers is announced by the H. B. Smith Company, manufacturers of boisting appliances. Laborers in both of the big foundries of the plant are affected.

To Make Automobile Tire Duck.

Danielson, Conn.—The Killingly Manufacturing Company, which recently came into the control of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company at Akron, is to completely re-equip its Williamsville plant with machinery required for the making of duck for the manufacture of automobile tire duck.

Rhode Island Passes Mileage Bill.

Providence.—The House has passed in concurrence a bill providing daily mileage for assemblymen, despite a recent opinion of the Supreme Court that only one round trip a week could be collected from the State.

TRADE CONDITIONS NORMAL

Reports at Annual Meeting of Maine State Board of Trade.

Auburn, Me.—"In the realm of business trade conditions are normal," reported Secretary Edward M. Blanding of Bangor at the semi-annual meeting of the State Board of Trade. "In the face of unseasonable weather conditions during a considerable portion of the winter and with a strike in progress for two months on the extensive system of the Bangor & Aroostook railroad, and a new administration at the nation's capital, general business has been reasonably satisfactory. Agriculturally Maine is prosperous, although the high prices for potatoes are much below the unusually high figures of a year ago."

Municipal Ice Plants Favored.

Providence.—Municipal ice plants for the purpose of cutting down the price of ice is the object of a bill introduced in the Rhode Island Senate by Senator Gorton of Pawtucket. The bill would authorize any town or city in the State to cut ice and sell it to its own citizens.

Bank to Reopen April 1.

Greenfield.—The Greenfield Savings Bank, which was closed by the commissioners in February, 1909, will be reopened on April 1. The assets of the bank, according to the commissioners, are $3,656,497, and the deposits $2,828,075.

Is Reelected President.

St. Johnsbury.—P. A. Chandler has been re-elected head of the International Circuit Association of northern Vermont and eastern Canada at a meeting held here. The total amount of purses in the circuit amounts to $30,000.

To Begin Trip on Lake.

Burlington, Vt.—It is now intended to start the steamer Ticonderoga next Tuesday and the crew which has already been engaged, will report at Shelbourne harbor

HAS NOT ENOUGH FRESH AIR.

Boston.—No public building in Boston, when filled to its capacity contains enough fresh air, was declared by Dr. Edward E. Allen of Charlestown, professor of anatomy in Boston University, in his talk on "Fresh Air."

Mr. Allen said: "In the treatment of tubercular affections fresh air holds first place. Consumptives should be in the open air at all times. All authorities agree on the value of fresh air and the danger in bad air."

GIVEN ADDITIONAL POWER

CORPORATION SOLE APPROVED IN MAINE.

Gov. Haines Signs Bill Affecting the Bishop of Portland.

Augusta, Me.—Gov. William T. Haines has signed the corporation sole act whereby the Roman Catholic bishop of Portland remains a corporation sole and is given additional power to establish parish corporations whenever such may be desirable and approved by church authorities. These corporations are to be formed on the plan now existing in New York, Connecticut and Rhode Island, the trustees to consist of the bishop, vicar-general and pastor and two laymen selected by the first three.

The bill originally introduced by the French-American committee, proposing the repeal of the corporation sole law in 1887 and the incorporation of several parishes, was rejected by the judiciary committee, as were some of their amendments to the bill introduced by Bishop Walsh, which was given Gov. Haines's approval today.

Statue to Blaine Provided.

Augusta, Me.—A resolve providing for the erection of a statue of James G. Blaine, secretary of state in President Harrison's cabinet and a native of this city, on the lawn in front of the State House has been presented in the Maine Senate by Senator Allen of Kennebec county. Provision is made for an appropriation of $8000 on condition that an equal sum is subscribed by the public.

Believed to be Work of Indians.

Bangor, Me.—Local historians have delved in vain for the history of an old stone bridge, the remains of which may be seen, leading from the main island of Deer Isle to Stinson's Neck, now the settlement known as Sunshine. Stimson's Neck is separated from the main island by a half-tide bar, across which there is a good roadway. Here the ruins of an old stone bridge may still be seen.

Heavy Lake Traffic.

Burlington, Vt.—Some idea of the business transacted between Burlington and points across the lake and also of the value of transportation lines may be gained by the figures of the Champlain Transportation company which last year took out of Burlington 3153 tons of general merchandise, or what would fill 225 freight cars at the average of 15 tons to the car.

Convicted 17 for Cruelty.

Boston.—The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals reports that last month the agents examined 4598 animals, made 15 prosecutions, with 17 convictions, took 109 horses from work and humanely killed 71 horses. In the stockyards and abattoirs 21,490 animals were examined and 56 cattle, sheep and swine killed.

Will Have Fish and Game Preserve.

New Vineyard, Me.—John A. Staples of Newburgh, N. Y., has bought the Alex P. Sweet and Leonard Hackett properties in New Vineyard. The two farms are adjacent and include about 2 1-2 miles of the shore line of Porter Lake. It is the intention of Mr. Staples to establish a fish and game preserve.

The Maine's Mast.

The mainmast of the battleship Maine, which was brought to the Washington navy yard by the collier Leonidas about eight months ago, will be taken to the Arlington National cemetery, where it will be erected on the lot where many of the Maine dead are buried.

Big Maine Eggs.

Bangor, Me.—Henry Reed of Mosher Hill has some hens of the Rhode Island Red breed that lay eggs of remarkably large size. Two specimens of these hens' product were weighed recently and tipped the scales at exactly six and one-half ounces.

Recall of Officers.

Augusta, Me.—One of the most sweeping measures ever presented to the Maine legislature is a resolve, proposing an amendment to the state constitution to provide for the recall of public officials, introduced in the House by Representative Quinn of Millinocket.

Pain as Love's Accompaniment.

The loftiest and purest love too often does but inflame the cloud of life with endless fire of pain.—John Ruskin.

Wife's Ashes as an Ornament.

An ingenious method of disposing of the ashes of a cremated body has to be recorded. After a woman had been cremated the husband took the ashes to a chemist for the purpose of extracting the iron, which he is now wearing set in his ring, as one would wear a diamond.

Beginning All Over Again.

"Here's where I receive some registered male," said the college widow as she heard the freshman's step on the porch.—Stanford Chaparral.

FARMERS FIGHT AGAINST BILL

Representatives of the Maine Farming Districts.

MOTION TO POSTPONE LOST

Tried to Kill the Apple Bill.—Motion to Indefinitely Postpone Packing Law Is Lost 82 to 43.

Augusta.—Representatives of the farming districts last week put up a strenuous but unavailing fight against the bill relating to the packing of the apples. A motive to indefinitely postpone it was lost, at the end of the debate by a vote of 82 to 43. The bill provides that a barrel of A1 apples shall consist entirely of A1 apples and allows no leeway as does the present law. The law also provides for a specified size for barrels and boxes.

There was a general opposition to the bill on the part of the representatives of the farming districts, who in behalf of their constituents point out that the bill will mean a great hardship to the farmers and nearly double the expense of packing. The fruit growers association favored the bill and the representatives who were backing the bill pointed out the great benefits that would accrue from its passage from the high standard on which the Maine market would be placed.

Rep. Eaton of Oxford, said that Maine afforded the best orchard land in the United States and expressed the belief that any law that would give the people of the state what they were paying for, would be a good thing.

Rep. Jones of China spoke against the bill, saying that the standard barrels would mean a hardship to the farmer who buys his barrels from the manufacturer and immediately packs them with apples. If the barrels are discovered to be short, the buyer falls back on the farmer, but the farmer has no redress, whatever, to reach the manufacturer who sold him the barrels. He claimed that the section giving the commission of agriculture power to enter any building in which apples are stored was unconstitutional. He also pointed out that the cost of packing apples would be nearly doubled by the proposed law.

PSYCHIC METHODS IN BUSINESS.

Boston.—Psychic methods in salesmanship, window trimming, schools of advertising —even in the prevention of railroad accidents—were urged by Professor Hugo Munsterberg, the Harvard psychologist, in an address before the class in business methods and salesmanship.

"The man who studies psychology and makes use of it succeeds, declared the railroad accidents could be prevented if men were tested mentally."

TRAIN-STOPPING DEVICE

Two of 1574 Inventions Selected by Mellen.

Two automatic train-stopping devices among 1574 inventions, designs, and suggestions submitted by competitors for the $10,000 prize offered by President Mellen of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company, have been selected by the engineers of the road for practical experiments, and it is believed that one of the devices, through experiment and investigation may be raised to the efficiency required in the company's specifications and obtain the reward for the inventor. Neither of the two inventions is perfect, but the engineers reported that they were worthy of installation for trial in actual operation.

Will Hold First Conference.

Boston.—Many of the best known educators in the United States will take part in the series of public meetings in Tremont Temple, during the week of March 31, for the purpose of discussing nervous and mental disorders and all the problems connected with them.

Shoe Man a Suicide.

Auburn, Me.—S. Lester Young, a prominent shoe manufacturer of this city, committed suicide at his home here. His body was found hanging from a beam in the cellar by Mrs. Alma Ward, the housekeeper. Temporary mental aberration brought about by ill health and despondency over the death of his wife, is assigned as the cause.

COUNTERFEIT $10 BILL.

Washington.—A new $10 counterfeit national bank note on the Marine National Bank of Buffalo, N. Y., has been discovered by the secret service. Chief Flynn warns the public that the note is a crude production containing no silk threads. It is an imitation of the 1902 series bearing McKinley's portrait.

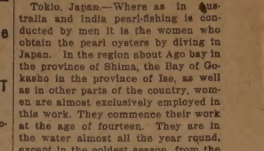
Makes Surgical Gauze.

Norwich, Conn.—The Versailles Sanitary Fibre Mills Company has acquired the property formerly occupied by the Uncasville Manufacturing Company at Versailles, north of this city, and has commenced the manufacture of medical and surgical gauze, absorbent and jewellers' cotton, sulphur fumigators and sanitary specialties of a similar nature. At present about 150,000 yards of gauze per week is the output, but this is to be doubled shortly and the force of 135 hands added to.

JAP WOMEN PEARL DRIVERS

Hunters of Gems Are So Expert That They Can Gather 100 Oysters a Minute.

Tokio, Japan.—Where as in Australia and India pearl-fishing is conducted by men it is the women who obtain the pearl oysters by diving in Japan. In the region about Ago bay in the province of Shima, the Bay of Gashako in the province of Ise, as well as in other parts of the country, women are almost exclusively employed in this work. They commence their work at the age of fourteen. They are in the water almost all the year round, except in the coldest season, from the end of December to the beginning of February. But even during this inclement period they sometimes dive



Japanese Women Pearl-Divers at Work.

for pearls. The women wear a special dress consisting of a white skirt and vest while the hair is twisted up on the head in a hard knot. The eyes are protected by glasses to prevent the entrance of water. Tubs resembling butter barrels complete their diving outfit. A boat in the command of a man is assigned to every five or ten women divers, and carries them to and from the fishing grounds. When the divers reach this they land upon the rocks or islands and then at once plunge into the water and begin their search for the pearl oysters. These are dropped into the tubs, which are suspended by a rope from their waists. When these vessels are filled the women pull them to the boat, help lift them in, and then return to the shore. They can remain under water from one to two minutes. Some of them are so expert that they will gather a hundred oysters in a minute.

GET LETTERS BY THE BUSHEL

Village Postoffice Swamped by Replies From Would-Be Husbands.

Blakely, Pa.—Letters have swamped the little postoffice in Blakely, Lackawanna county, Pennsylvania, following the announcement that thirty young women of that hamlet are looking for husbands. Piles of the missives cover the floor and shelves of the office and each mail adds to the clutter.

Things have reached such a state some of the parents and brothers of the thirty girls have taken a hand, and none of the young women has yet mustered enough courage to call at the postoffice.

They formed the "Girls' Club of Blakely," and then announced they were seeking husbands. Replies from all parts of the state and outside began to pile up in such quantities Postmaster Mathews says the government will have to build a larger office.

One reply addressed to the postmaster is from Robert Routh of Dickinson College. Routh is a senior, and on behalf of the class of thirty young men soon to graduate offers the girls husbands. From Steelton, Pa., comes a response from a man who speaks not only for himself but for five friends.

A lonesome man in Jersey City, N. J., writes:

"I get tired of the theaters, clubs and places of amusements and would like to settle down, but how I can do so when I am so lonely is something I would like some of you to explain."

Postmaster Mathews has promised to deliver the letters to the girls secretly if they will arrange some way to take them off his hands.

DOESN'T BELIEVE IN KISSES

Mother, Aged Twenty-two, Tells Court She Never Has Been Greeted So—Husband Deserted Her.

Baltimore, Md.—"I don't believe wives should kiss their husbands; I don't believe anybody ought to kiss."

This was the reply Mrs. Theresa E. Deems, twenty-two years of age, and comely, made when asked in court if she did not want to kiss her husband and make up. Then Judge Ambler paroled George W. Deems, who had been arraigned on a charge of non-support, on condition he pay $3 a week toward the support of his wife and seven-year-old child.

Mrs. Deems said afterward that she had never been kissed, not even by her parents, and that she would not kiss her child, whom she loved "more than her own life," because she did not believe in kissing.

REVIVE AN OLD CHURCH

Workmen Erasing Scars of Time From Old South Meeting House in Boston.

Boston.—To restore the famous Old South meeting house to its appearance in colonial times workingmen are scrubbing its outside surface with paint remover and soap, cleaning it of the accumulations of a century and a half. The towers and the walls of the ancient landmark at Washington and Milk streets, once turned into a riding academy by British army officers and now used as a show place for historical relics, have been shorn of grotha of ivy which partly concealed them. The bricks are to be washed to their natural red color of other days and the windows are being repainted in colonial fashion.